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## Kuwait condemns Israeli threat

KUWAIT yesterday renewed its support for Saudi Arabia's purchase of long-range missiles and said Israel's reaction to the move would "jeopardise peace efforts" in the Middle East.

Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said that the cabinet discussed at its regular session Israeli statements indicating Israel may carry out a pre-emptive strike on the Chinese-made missiles.

These CSS-2 missiles, which can carry nuclear warheads, have a range of 2,200 miles (3,500 km) and could hit any Middle East capital.

**Intention**

Saudi Arabia has said it had no intention of equipping them with nuclear warheads.

Rashed said his government "strongly condemns these irresponsible (Israeli) threats."

The Israeli statements, he said, "jeopardise peace efforts in the Middle East."

Rashed said Kuwait supports "the kingdom's right to shore up its defence capabilities."

The cabinet calls on all peace-loving powers to translate their principled obligations into effective measures to deter the inclinations of aberration and stubbornness demonstrated by the Israeli entity," he said.

Kuwait demanded that the United States should revoke its decision to close the PLO observer office at the UN.

The cabinet expressed deep appreciation for the General Assembly resolution favouring continued operation of the PLO.

The cabinet welcomed the results of the Organisation of Islamic Conference meeting in Amman.

## Summer time

ISTANBUL, March 27. (Reuter): Clocks moved one hour forward to summer time in Turkey today, bringing the country's time system three hours ahead of GMT.

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## WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with light variable to north-westerly wind.  
State of sea: slight  
High water: 10.00 am, 7.00 pm  
Low water: 3.00 am, 2.00 pm  
Sunrise: 4.43 am  
Sunset: 6.04 pm  
Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 24°C 73°F  
Al Ittihad: 24°C 73°F  
Fahim: 23°C 73°F  
Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 24°C 73°F  
Al Ittihad: 22°C 72°F  
Fahim: 24°C 75°F  
Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 15°C 59°F  
Al Ittihad: 15°C 63°F  
Fahim: 18°C 64°F  
Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 43 per cent  
Al Ittihad: 56 per cent  
Fahim: 59 per cent  
Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 45 per cent  
Al Ittihad: 58 per cent  
Fahim: 61 per cent

## Arafat studying report on meeting

# PLO welcomes Shultz' talks with Palestinians



Saad (left) and Abu Lughud talk with reporters after meeting Shultz. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Return

The State Department said yesterday Shultz will return to the Middle East next Sunday in a fresh bid to win acceptance for US peace proposals for the region.

Abu Sherif said that Arafat had authorised Saad and Abu Lughud to meet Shultz and they had reported on their talks to the

parties, including the PLO, the representatives of the Palestinian people, and would also involve the United Nations and the parties directly," said Saad and Abu Lughud said in a joint statement.

"We ... conveyed (to Shultz) the commitment of the Palestinian people to a settlement premised upon the Palestinian right to self-determination and the implementation of all UN resolutions relevant to Palestine and the Middle East conflict," they said.

But neither man would state that meant the PLO or the PNC had moved closer to accepting UN resolutions 242 and 338, which recognise Israel's right to exist and calls for the return of territories seized by Israel in 1967

the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

### Occupation

Saad and Abu Lughud said they expressed to Shultz the urgent need to lift Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza as a preparatory step on the road to achieving peaceful coexistence between Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews.

"I think it is clear that the United States government is not yet ready for the participation of the PLO in an international peace conference at this time," Abu Lughud said.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esamat Abdel-Meguid said the meeting between Shultz and the Palestinians was a "positive and constructive step in the right

### direction."

"It is necessary to have a direct dialogue between the United States and the Palestinians in order to give a push to the peace effort," Abdel-Meguid said.

Saeed Kamal, a member of the Palestinian National Council, said the meeting between Shultz and Saad and Abu Lughud "was not an American decision in as much as it was an Arab demand, pressed by the Egyptian leadership."

"The meeting, which is the first of its kind, is an international recognition that the PLO is a principal party in any settlement of the Middle East problem," Kamal said.

"By this meeting," Kamal said, "Shultz has completed his contacts with all the local and international parties for explaining his plan for peace in the Middle East."

"But we will have to wait before we make an assessment of the results of this meeting," Kamal said.

In another development, an unnamed Palestinian source quoted by the Middle East News Agency, said Arafat will visit Moscow at the head of PLO delegation in the first half of April.

The exact date of the visit is being set at present in contacts between PLO and Soviet officials, the source said.

The aim of the visit, he said, is to talk about "the international Middle East peace conference."

## Chemical attack allegations

# Iraq denounces UN chief for 'biased' comment

BAGHDAD, March 27. (Reuter): Iraq blasted UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today for his recent charge that Iraq appears to have used chemical weapons in the Gulf war.

Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Nizar Hamdoon in a statement said the secretary-general's statement was biased and "ignored a most important fact, namely Iran's occupation of an Iraqi city despite the Security Council mandatory resolution 598 which called for a comprehensive peaceful settlement."

Hamdoon was referring to the northeastern Iraqi town of Halabja which Iran seized in a cross-border thrust last week.

Iran and Kurdish rebels say Baghdad killed 5,000 people when it dropped chemical bombs on Halabja and other towns in Iraqi Kurdistan after Iranian troops captured them.

Iran called for world condemnation of Iraq for using chemical weapons.

### Failure

Perez de Cuellar, who is sending two experts to Iran to probe the charges, has said he was saddened by the "considerable and most serious" evidence that Iraq had used the internationally-banned chemical weapons.

Hamdoon said the secretary-general's statement reflected failure by him and some members of the Security Council "to face Iran's intrusiveness and pronounce the necessity to punish its non-compliance with resolution 598, which expressed the overwhelming will of the international community."

## Missile duel intensifies

# Indian tanker hit by Iranians

NICOSIA, March 27. (Agencies): Iran and Iraq fired missiles into each other's capitals in a brutal long-range duel today as Iranian troops punched deeper into northeast Iraq, occupying strategic heights that overlook a key hydroelectric dam.

Shipping officials reported Iranian gunboats attacked the 24,529-ton Indian tanker Jainarayan Vyasa in the southern Gulf today, wounding one crewman and setting it on fire.

Shipping sources said the wounded Indian crew member was not seriously hurt in the raid which punched 14 holes in the side of the Jainarayan Vyasa.

### Blaze

Firefighting tugs put out the blaze and the tanker needed no further assistance, the sources said.

The ship, the seventh neutral vessel attacked in the last week by Iran, was hit 16 miles northwest of Ras Al Khaimah in the UAE.

Shipping sources said the vessel, owned by the Bombay-based Shipping Corporation of India, was on its way in ballast to the Saudi Arabian port of Jubail.

After a brief full, the Gulf shipping war flared again when Iraq hit two supertankers at Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal on March 19. More than 50 seamen were believed killed.

The Iraqis fired a long-range Al Hussein missile into Tehran, after vowed to "level Iran's cities," the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

Minutes later, another missile was launched on Tehran and two into the central city of Isfahan, INA said.

The Iranians said the missiles hit residential neighbourhoods, causing unspecified casualties.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, said Revolutionary

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Salvage tugs spray the Indian tanker Jainarayan Vyasa which was set ablaze during an Iranian attack. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Ershad replaces premier in reshuffle

### Rajiv to meet Prabhakaran

COLOMBO, March 27. (Kuna): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in a change of heart has apparently agreed to meet Tamil rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran for discussion to resolve the current ethnic problem in Sri Lanka.

He said this change of heart of Rajiv is a direct result of the elections that are to be held in India's Tamil Nadu where he wants his party to win since there is widespread feeling in the southern state that Tamils in Sri Lanka are being indiscriminately slaughtered.

Prabhakaran is to be flown to New Delhi from Sri Lanka for the discussions, the sources said.

Three people were arrested, police said, including a village woman who had agreed to buy the child because an operation had left her unable to bear any more of her own.

The boy was discovered suffering from pneumonia in a Punjab village a few hours after being

Two of the three deputy prime ministers retained their posts. They are Shah Moazzam Hussain, who also heads rural development and local government ministries, and Abdul Matin, another Jatiya Party stalwart, who is in charge of the home ministry.

Choudhury was replaced by Deputy Prime Minister Maudud Ahmed, a British-trained lawyer, who will also have the industries ministry. Political observers said that Choudhury may be chosen as Speaker of the 300-member Parliament.

Foreign Minister Humayun Rasheed Choudhury and Finance Minister Maj. Gen. Abdul Munem retained their portfolios.

The new council has twenty three ministers and nine state or lower ranking ministers. Five cabinet members, including the prime minister, were dropped while four state ministers were (Continued on Page 2)

## Baby snatched, sold for \$60

AMRITSAR, India, March 27. (Reuter): A newly born boy was seriously ill today after being snatched from a north Indian hospital and sold for 800 rupees (\$60), police said.

The boy was discovered suffering from pneumonia in a Punjab village a few hours after being

## Seven militant Sikhs released

CHANDIGARH, March 27. (Reuter): The Indian government has released seven suspected Sikh militant leaders from detention without trial in a renewed bid to thwart separatists in the north Indian state of Punjab.

Police in the state capital Chandigarh said today three sus- pects were released today and two each yesterday and Friday from jails in Punjab.

Indian authorities detained hundreds of suspected militants after the Indian Army stormed the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Sikhdom's holiest shrine, in June 1984 to flush out militants.

## INTERNATIONAL

## Kabul can fight rebels: Army chief

ISLAMABAD. March 27, (Agencies): Afghanistan's military chief said today his forces were well-equipped to fight Western-backed rebels all over the country.

But armed forces Chief of General Staff General Shah Nawaz Tariq, quoted by the official Bakhtar news agency, said the Kabul government was eager for the success of the deadlocked UN-mediated peace talks in Geneva.

Bakhtar, monitored in Islamabad, quoted him as saying his forces "crushed the armed and intransigent extremists" who violated a unilateral government ceasefire more than 14,600 times in the past Afghan year which ended on March 20.

### Signs

But the interview made no mention of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops which Moscow has offered to withdraw after neighbouring Pakistan signs the UN peace plan.

The Afghan Army has been depleted by casualties and desertions during nine years of war, Western diplomats and Afghan exiles say.

The present size of the mostly conscripted Afghan Army is 45,000 men, almost half of what it was before the 1978 Marxist takeover, according to the London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies.

But Tariq said the Afghan forces had "acquired a special strength and have been equipped with military, political and practical experience."

Afghan President Najibullah ordered a unilateral ceasefire in January last year as part of a "national reconciliation" drive but it was rejected by the guerrillas.

### Offered

Moscow has offered to begin withdrawing its troops two months after the peace accord in Geneva is signed and complete the process within nine months.

But the accord has been held up by disputes over a future Afghan government and Soviet military supplies to Kabul.

Four Afghan refugees were killed and four others sustained serious injuries when a bomb exploded on Friday night in a shop at a border village in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province, according to reports reaching here.

### Aid

The US State Department was close to proposing a half in covert US military aid to Afghan rebels in exchange for the agreement by the Soviets to withdraw from Afghanistan, but President Reagan rejected the idea, say current and former administration officials in Washington.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said after talks last week in Washington that Reagan's tougher line was the final obstacle to Kremlin acceptance of a UN-brokered deal to get Soviet troops out of Afghanistan. But he said the Soviets might pull out even without a UN agreement.

Last December, Reagan said military assistance to the Afghan rebels would continue until the Soviets were completely out of Afghanistan. But the Washington Post reported yesterday that the administration already is ending the supply of Stinger anti-aircraft missiles in anticipation of a peace settlement.

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## Virtual tie for Democratic Party's nomination

# Jackson demolishes Dukakis in Michigan

LANSING, Mich., March 27. (Reuter): Black activist Jesse Jackson overwhelmed Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis in Michigan's presidential caucuses propelling himself into a virtual tie for the lead for the Democratic Party's nomination in the November election.

With Vice-President George Bush having all but secured the Republic nomination, the latest Democratic contest yesterday left two serious contenders for the nomination.

The outcome gave a filip to Jackson's chances, underscoring Dukakis' failure to make his long-awaited break from the pack of Democratic hopefuls.

**Reassessing**  
It also left the three other remaining Democratic contenders far back and reassessing their sputtering campaigns.

With 94 per cent of the vote from Michigan tallied before officials suspended counting, Jackson had 107,689 or 55 per cent, Dukakis 55,337 or 28 per cent and Missouri congressman Richard Gephardt 24,995 or 13 per cent.

Senator Paul Simon of Illinois was fourth with two per cent, slightly ahead of Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee.

In terms of delegates to be sent to the Democratic nominating convention in Atlanta in July, party officials in Michigan said Jackson appeared to have taken 76 in yesterday's voting, Dukakis 53 and Gephardt nine. It was Jackson's first win in a major northern industrial state.

Going into the voting, Duk-

### Prospects

The three other Democrats in the field faced grimmer prospects.

Gephardt, who had hoped his strong trade protectionist policies would help in a state battered by industrial imports, told supporters he would make an announcement in the next few days about his campaign.



Jesse Jackson (centre) holds up two children after a rally at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Vanunu jailed for 18 years

TEL AVIV, March 27. (Reuter): Former nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu was sentenced to 18 years in prison today for spilling Israel's atomic secrets over the front page of a British newspaper.

A three-judge court, which last week convicted Vanunu of treason and espionage, could have imposed a maximum sentence. Twenty scientists, including 12 Nobel prize winners, had appealed for leniency.

Vanunu, 34, worked at Israel's top-secret Dimona nuclear reactor in the Negev desert for nine years before telling his story to London's Sunday Times in Sept. 1986. His trial was held behind closed doors.

### Petition

Defence Attorney Avigdor Feldman submitted a petition signed by the 20 scientists at a brief hearing before sentence was imposed. The court accepted the petition, and Vanunu himself briefly addressed the court. "We appeal to the Israeli court

to recognise that Mordechai Vanunu is a man of conscience, deeply disturbed by his role in a nuclear weapons programme, who first sought religious guidance and then decided to make public his concerns," the petition said.

The 20 signatories included the 1962 Nobel peace prize winner American Linus Pauling and American astronomer Carl Sagan.

### Secret

Vanunu told the court his disclosure that Israel produced up to 200 bombs over 20 years was nothing new. His lawyer said Vanunu meant to awaken Israelis to the nuclear problem, not harm their security.

Britain's Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation nominated Vanunu for the 1988 Nobel peace prize.

He was convicted on Thursday of aiding Israel's enemies in war and collecting and passing secret information with the intention of sighted photographers.

Security men took elaborate precautions to prevent repetition of a Dec. 1986 incident, when the prisoner flashed a message scrawled on the palm of his hand to tell reporters he was kidnapped in Rome.

## Paralysed men can father a child

DETROIT, March 27. (Reuter): A US research team is making the dream of fathering a child a reality for men paralysed by spinal cord injury and others who have lost the ability to ejaculate semen because of permanent neurological damage.

The technique, developed in the 19th century for use in animal husbandry and refined at the University of Michigan, induces the release of semen with a low-voltage impulse delivered by a rectal probe.

Conception is achieved either through artificial insemination

or in vitro fertilisation.

Researchers say the procedure, which is called electroejaculation, may also help those with testicular cancer, multiple sclerosis or a variety of other disorders that block the nerve signal required to trigger normal ejaculation.

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## Traffic Week

## GCC cooperation stressed

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Interior Ministry, Major-General Yusuf Al Khorafi, yesterday met the director-general of the Traffic Department, Brigadier Fuaad Masaad Al Saleh, who introduced the GCC delegates attending the joint GCC Traffic Week in Kuwait.

## Visited

During the meeting Maj Gen Al Khorafi stressed the importance of such occasions for cooperation between member

states in upgrading traffic services.

The delegations visited the Emergency Police Department where they went to the operations room and listened to an explanation by Captain Abdul Azziz Al Anjari on the work of the operation room and wireless equipment.

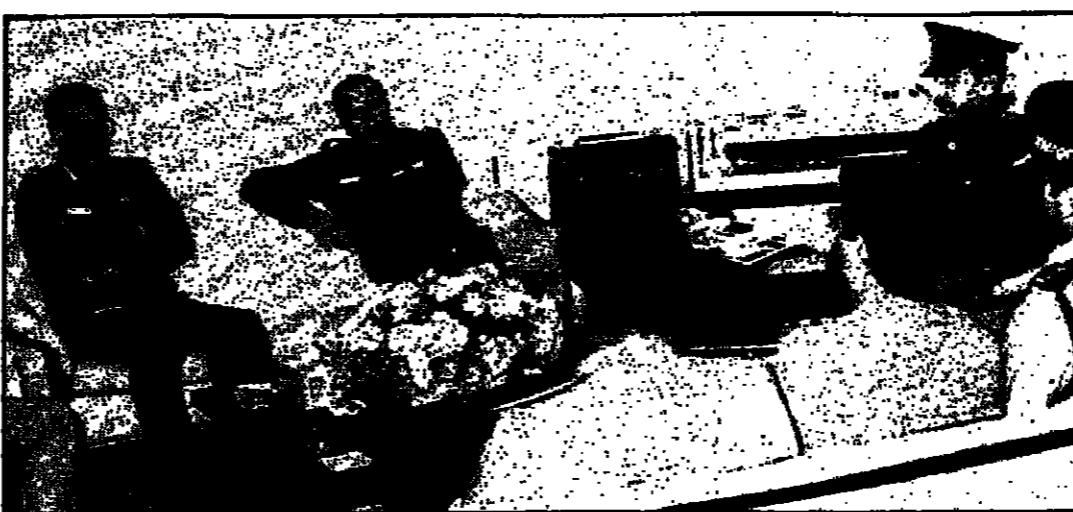
They also visited the Al Maqdisi kindergarten where they watched some traffic competitions.

The delegations later went to

see the Waterfront Project.

Meanwhile, as part of the Traffic Week activities, Captain Yacoub Al Fadalah of the Interior Ministry public relations department, gave a lecture at Mubarakiya intermediate school and spoke about the importance of traffic weeks for the GCC.

Al Fadalah will give a talk at the University's Science Faculty tomorrow as part of the functions for the Third National Week for the Handicapped.



Major-General Al Khorafi (second left) is seen with Brig. Al Saleh (left) and GCC delegates.

## US Navy escorts convoy of tankers through Gulf

ABOARD THE USS REUBEN JAMES IN THE GULF, March 27. (AP): The US Navy escorted its 40th convoy of re-registered Kuwaiti tankers into the Gulf yesterday, followed by merchant vessels from other nations seeking informal US protection against an upsurge in attacks by Iranian gunboats.

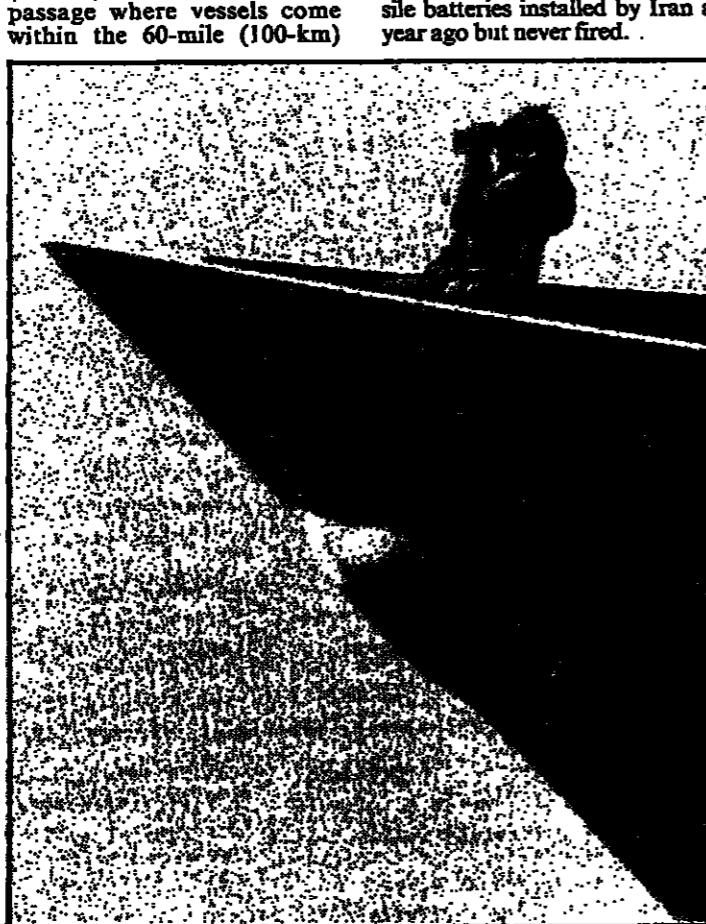
A procession of as many as nine vessels, including two American warships, three US-flagged tankers and at least four non-US ships, slipped through the Strait of Hormuz and past the Iranian gunboat base at Abu Musa at 11 am. (0800 GMT), where the convoy briefly encountered an Iranian warship that steamed down the majestic line of vessels.

The Navy was assigned only to accompany the ships flying the Stars and Stripes. But its presence appeared to suspend for a while the Iranian warship's radio challenges to merchant shipping that often fall victim to Iranian gunboats in the Iran-Iraq tanker war.

The parade of five US ships included two Kuwaiti tankers — the 290,085-ton Middletown, a products carrier, and the 46,723-ton liquefied gas carrier Gas Prince — and the 39,000-ton MV Courier, a US Navy fuel tanker.

The escort was provided by this guided missile frigate, making one of the last voyages in the Gulf before returning home.

Four unidentified tankers joined the convoy as hitch-hikers as it passed through the so-called Silkworm envelope, a 100-mile



A US Navy seaman sitting at the bow of the frigate 'USS Samuel B. Roberts' scans the horizon through binoculars in the southern Gulf yesterday. The Samuel B. Roberts and another frigate, the Reuben James were escorting a US convoy heading for northern Gulf. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## Medicinal herbs cure many chronic diseases

A CHEMIST at Petrochemicals Industries Company (PIC), Taib Abdulla Al Taib, has claimed that many chronic diseases have been effectively cured by medicinal herbs.

He said that the lettuce and cabbage could cure many dangerous diseases. The cabbage, for instance, was able to cure infections of joints within a week.

Al Taib said he had read about the use of camel's milk in treating cancer patients, but did not believe this until he tried to. He added he used camel's milk to

cure a man suffering from brain cancer in Saudi Arabia in a month's time. He also treated a girl suffering from cancer in Kuwait and she was totally cured within a very short time, and a man, who suffered from leukaemia, drank camel's milk daily for a month and was cured.

He stressed that the milk of camels living in the desert was better than that of camels living near the city because the former ate many good herbs.

Al Taib said he had cured many hopeless cases.

## Prince Saud's trip to US postponed

CAIRO, March 27. (UPI): An Egyptian newspaper reported yesterday that Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal has decided to postpone a trip to the United States, which was scheduled to begin on Monday.

Egypt's semi-official newspaper Al Ahram said in a dispatch from Washington that Prince Saud decided to postpone his planned visits to New York and Washington as part of an Arab League delegation.

Without giving any reasons why the Saudi official was putting off the visit, the newspaper said members of the delegation — which includes the Syrian and Algerian foreign ministers — were planning to meet US Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington on Tuesday and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York on Monday.

## Minister studying re-evaluation of dentists

HEALTH Minister Dr Abdul Razzak Al Razzak is studying the re-evaluation of the qualifications of certain dentists working in the ministry, according to a local daily.

Sources added that the dental council, under chairman Dr Jassem Hussein, has decided to extend the working hours at the Dental Centre until noon on Thursday. Meanwhile, the minister is seriously considering of increasing working hours every day.

## KJA board members meet ministers

INFORMATION Minister, Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad met the chairman and board members of the Kuwait Journalists Association in his office on Saturday morning.

During the meeting the minister expressed his full support for the association saying that the local press has a vital mission, to serve society by revealing gaps and omissions in the government's work so that such shortcomings might be avoided or corrected.

He added the hope that all members of the association should work together as a team and avoid all disputes that give the press a bad reputation. Sheikh Jaber pointed out that the ministry is paying special attention to the charter of the association in connection with the promulgation of a new law which will be issued in the near future. He stressed that his door was always open for journalists to voice their complaints and suggestions.

Later, members of the KJA met the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed who expressed his ministry's support for the association in order to maintain the high standards and status of the Kuwaiti press.

## Nazer meets Malaysian minister

RIYADH, March 27. (Kuna): Saudi Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Wealth and acting Planning Minister Hisham Nazer met here today with Malaysian Foreign Minister Omar Abu Hassan.

Nazer said that he and his Malaysian guest reviewed the role of non-Opec members in stabilising the oil market. The Malaysian minister was briefed on the fields of investment in the kingdom.

## Postal summer timings

KUWAIT'S Post Office Department has announced the postal timings that come into effect from April 1.

The administrative sections, postal parcel delivery office Keifan, and parcel section Ahmadi, will be open from 7 am to 1 pm from Saturday to Wednesday, and from 7 am to 11 am on Thursday, and closed on Friday.

The mail sorting centre, General Post Office, Safat post office, and Muntazpost section will be open from 7 am to 7 pm from Saturday to Thursday, and from 8 am to 10 am on Friday.

Salmiya central, Jahra (Alqaser), Hawalli and Fahad Al-Khalid central post offices will be open from 7 am to 7 pm from Saturday to Thursday and will be closed on Friday.

## Surface mail

The surface mail office will be open from 7 am to 7 pm from Saturday to Wednesday, from 7 am to 1 pm on Thursday, and from 8 am to 10 am on Friday.

Ahmadi post office will be open from 7 am to 7 pm from Saturday to Wednesday, from 7 am to 3 pm on Thursday, and closed on Friday.

## Airport

The international airport post office at Terminal 1 will be open from 7 am to 1 pm from Saturday to Wednesday, from 7 am to 1 pm on Thursday and closed on Friday. The post office at Terminal No. 2 will continue to be open for 24 hours.

Post offices at Abraq Kiteen, Abu Hailfa, Ardhiya, Asqool, Bayan, Dasmia, Dasman, Dhaibiyat Abdulla Al Salem, Daiya, Doha, Adaliya, Faiba, Faileka, Farwaniya, Fintas, Firdous, Industrial Shuwaikh, Taima (Jahra 4), Jaleeb Al Shiyookh, Keifan, Khaldiya, Mansouriya, Nuza, Omaniya, Qadisiya, Ra's, Rabia, Riqqa, Rumaihiya, Rawda, Sabahiyah, Shamiya, Shuwaikh 'B', Shaab, Sulaihat, Wahha (Jahra 5) and Umm Al Heiran will be open from 8 am to 2 pm from Saturday to Wednesday, from 8 am to 12 noon on Thursday and closed on Friday.

## Symposium on theatre movement

By Lima Al Khalefawi

THE stimulation of the theatre movement in the Gulf and Arab world was the main goal of the symposium "Audience and Theatre" held yesterday.

The symposium was opened by the head of the higher organizing committee of the Gulf Theatre Festival, Hamad Al Roumi, at the Sheraton Hotel.

The debate was enriched by valuable suggestions from critics and writers.

One of the speakers, Dr Sami Sarhan, said that the theatre was the most influential art form.

He said that the Arab theatrical movement was initiated by Maroon Nakash.

Dr Sarhan said that the theatre heritage included satirical, farcical and historical plays, and

different forms such as puppetry, pantomime and the theatre of the absurd.

He said that efforts were being made to help scholars and researchers to compile all information on popular heritage and publish material on the subject.

**Influence**

He said that such publications would help acquaint youngsters with their artistic legacy, and this would influence their intellectual, psychological and mental development.

A paper on communications and their effect on theatre audiences was read by researcher Mousa Zieni.

He said that television has contributed greatly to the increase in the number of theatre-goers. He added they were showing more interest in farcical than intellectual and serious plays.

The Minister of Information

Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah Saturday night hosted a dinner banquet at Kuwait Towers in honour of the delegations taking part in the first GCC theatrical festival.

The banquet was attended by board chairman and director general of the Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Authority Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaj Al Sabah.

Undersecretary of Information Abdul Aziz Mohammed Jaafer, Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudar and other officials and a number of Arab ambassadors also attended the banquet.

Board heads of Kuwaiti theatres and the secretary-general of the Arab Artists Union Saad Eddin Wahba and a number of Arab, Gulf and Kuwaiti artists and journalists were present at the banquet.

● The Greek Ambassador to Kuwait, Constantine Tsakos, hosted a reception at the Holiday Inn to mark his country's National Day. He is seen welcoming Kuwait's Minister of State for Service Affairs, Issa Al Mazidi (right) to the reception. The Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen also attended the reception.

## King Hussein returns

AMMAN, March 27. (AP): King Hussein returned yesterday from a trip to Oman and Pakistan during which he discussed the Gulf war, Afghanistan and other regional issues.

Hussein, who arrived from Muscat with his wife Queen Noor, held talks with Sultan Qaboos, whose country straddles the southern coast of the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

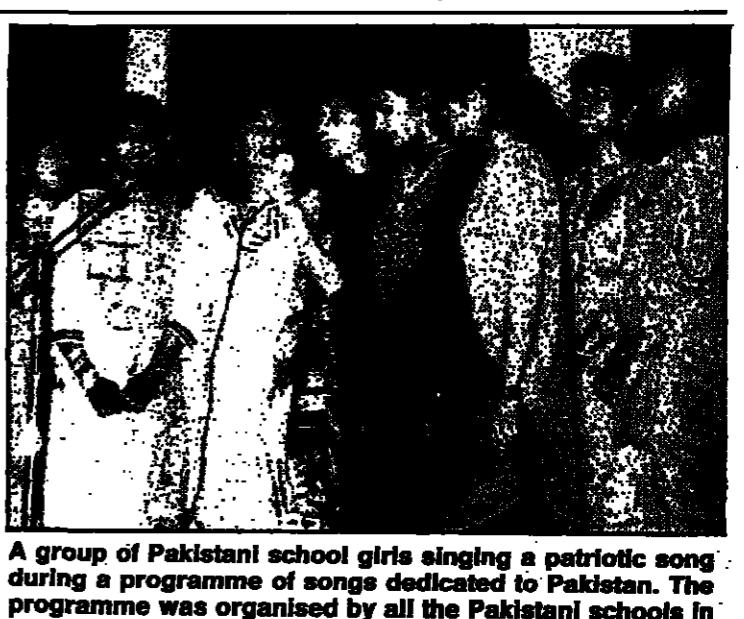
He had arrived in Muscat following a state visit to Pakistan, where he held talks with President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq on Afghanistan and the Iran-Iraq war.

The Jordanian monarch attended a military parade celebrating Pakistan Day, the anniversary of the resolution by the Muslims of south Asia to carve out an independent homeland, the future Pakistan.

## Nuisance calls

SOURCES at the Ministry of Communications have advised telephone subscribers that in the event of their receiving obscene or otherwise annoying calls they should contact the Ministry. Complainants should go to the Telecommunications Centre in Safat or the Telephone Control Office in Shuwaikh in person to apply for their phones to be monitored. In such cases the Ministry of Communications will get a letter from the Interior Ministry permitting the subscriber's phone to be tapped in order to trace the source of the nuisance.

The Ministry also said that faults should be reported on 117 which records complaints and refers them to specialised technicians who will repair the phone as soon as possible.



A group of Pakistani school girls singing a patriotic song during a programme of songs dedicated to Pakistan. The programme was organised by all the Pakistani schools in Kuwait.

## Les Bouquets Spring/Summer '88 Collection



Spring from Dior will be all sweetness and light when the new collection is unveiled to reveal a symphony of pastel colours. Designed as the perfect complement to a fashion season which is full of freshness and fun, Bouquets brings a look of total femininity. A look which is angelically pretty starts with a complexion of radiant transparency from Pressed Powder and a delicate touch of pink on the cheeks from Blush-Nuances Modulation in Blue. A new clarity for the eyes comes from the subtle shades of the new 5-colour compacts.

The three colour groupings for Spring/Summer 88 are, Bouquets, a mosaic of tender blue and delicate pink lit up by an intense mauve. Pansies, with a hint of nutmeg, a touch of dark violet together with shades of soft pink. Finally the last colours are Immortelles, which are reflections oficed blue, light up a collection of ochre and tobacco brown. "Green Garden", the latest in Diormatic waterproof mascara gives a subtle definition to your look.

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## INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

## A pretentious attempt

By Fathima Ahmed

WHEN a director attempts a film on a progressive theme, he starts off with good intentions. Midway, he is victimised by the more pressing demands of box-office returns and reverts to gimmicks. Director Pravin Bhatt's *Jeevan Sandhya* is a prime example of using dramatic licence to cloud the issue at stake — companionship.

It is about a middle-aged businessman, Devendra, and a widow, Sudha, who meet at a crucial point in their lives and return to each other for support — emotional and moral. A near perfect format to examine a relationship is clouded by the more urgent need to inject melodrama through the characters of errant sons coming in the way of their parent's happiness.

Devendra's son, Rajesh, is a "practical person." Everything Rajesh does is practical — from marrying an American girl (to obtain a green card) to taking his father to court. Practical as he is, Rajesh divorces the American girl (reasons unknown) and returns to India to find that his father has found "another woman."

The trouble with films of this sort is that they either gloss over the facts with melodrama and make them almost sordid affairs or they are so listless that they become boring. Bhatt prefers a scandal — the perfect need for togetherness becomes a steady affair.

Sudha's "honour" is not at stake but her integrity is ques-

tioned by Rajesh who blames the "other woman" for seducing his father to obtain his wealth. Yards of expensive film are wasted in picturising melancholic melodies with Devendra and Sudha shedding buckets of tears. More film is wasted in proving Devendra's insanity. Once again, the system wins with melodrama, sidetracking what could have been a tender story of companionship. Judicious editing may have shaped the form of *Jeevan Sandhya*. As it stands, it is just another pretentious attempt to take up a social cause.

Anupam Kher's Devendra shows flashes of brilliance, reminding viewers of his earlier performances in films like *Saaraansh*, *Asha Parekh*, once again, proves her worth as a talented actress. Jatin Malhotra as Rajesh shows promise as an anti-hero out to get his father. Others in the cast include Sangeeta Naik, Soni Razdan and American actress Patricia. Patricia is frighteningly wooden and artificial in an Indian environment. Whether this is by accident or design is not clear. The girl only mutters a few lines.

For sale

Scripted and directed by B.R. Ishaara, *Sila* degrades, humiliates and humiliates women. Everything in Ishaara's world is sordid, seedy and for sale. One woman refuses to be "bought or sold." Ishaara delights in subduing the woman, trapping, or exploiting and humiliating her. Does he intend to show a woman's weakness or is he

sympathising with her?

Throughout the consistent theme, *Sila* tries to prove a point: everything has a price tag. Some pay in cash, others in kind. Everyone buys something. Ishaara's world is full of men who profess "love to own women"; men who "invest" in buying a woman's favours; men who discard women after "using" them. "A woman whose eyes sparkle at the sight of money is not good enough to be my wife," claims a hateful character. In all the ugliness, Priya exudes a refreshing charm and integrity that is brutally crushed and battered by her father, husband and lover.

Ishaara's film is revolting yet truthfully reveals some aspects of man's brutality and animal instincts. It tears apart the myth

that a man should be respected. Ishaara seems to say "hate him, despise him." Through Priya, Ishaara develops a love-hate relationship, a mutual dependence of a man and a woman in a given circumstance. The film seems to be saying "hate her but you need her" and "loathe him but he depends on you." Plus points are careful casting of Sadasiv Amrapurkar as the hateful Dev, Ajit as the shallow husband who wins a prize catch and Priya Tendulkar as the

strong, intelligent woman caught in a web between the good and the bad men. The end demanded greater attention. The film flows smoothly over a chosen path but it falters, dithers and ends inconclusively. Perhaps, it is beyond Ishaara's capacity to prove a point. He just wanted to make one and he has made it in *Sila*.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya; Tel: 4712900.



## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran  
2.30 World News via  
Satellite  
3.30 Ibtal Al Ma'laeb: cartoon serial  
4.00 News Summary  
4.20 World News via  
Satellite  
4.45 Liuyoun Hadran: last episode; Arabic  
serial, starring Adel Afana, Abeer Essa  
5.30 Mama Anisa and  
Children  
6.00 Cultural Film  
6.45 News Summary  
7.05 Weekend: repeat  
7.35 Afafala Wal Mustakbal: Our Children  
and The Future. Tonight's guest is Dr  
Ali Al Turrah.  
8.30 Good Evening and  
Local News  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Layali Hilmiya:

Arabic serial, starring Hassan Yusuf,  
Safya Al Omari, Huda Sultan.

11.30 Daerat Al Ahdath:  
Circle of Events. Tourism in Kuwait. Guests are Mohammad Nasser Al Sanousi; Faisal Yusuf Al Manai. Presented by Kamel Sulaiman.

12.30 News Summary  
12.35 World News via  
Satellite/ Holy  
Quran/Closedown.

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Yogis Treasure  
Hunt: cartoon serial  
6.30 The Animal Express: this episode  
examines the role of  
vets in zoos.  
7.00 Roving Report:  
weekly programme  
on current world

events.  
7.30 Don't Wait Up:  
Comedy about an  
English family and  
their differences.

8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Law and Harry  
McGraw: "Old  
Heroes Never Lie".

9.30 Horizon: "The 25  
Hour Clock". A  
study on the human  
body's harmonious  
working system.

10.30 Best-Seller: "A Year  
in the Life". This  
mini-series is on the  
life, love and for-  
tunes of the Gardner  
family.

12.00 News in Brief/  
Magazine: D'Actu-  
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## CINEMA TODAY

Al-Salam  
Carry on England  
Starring: Kenneth Connors,  
Judy Geeson  
Al-Salmiya  
Hot Shots  
Starring: Jim Younger  
Al-Hamra  
Shabab Fi Al-Jabeem  
(Arabic)  
Starring: Mamdouh Abdul  
Alem, Mirvat Ameen  
Drive-In  
Zaman Hatem Zahran  
(Arabic)  
Starring: Noor Al Sharif,  
Bosi, Salah Al Saadani  
Al-Firdous  
Samraat (Hindi)  
Starring: Dharmendra,  
Hema Malini  
Fahheel Open-Air  
Armaan (Hindi)

## PRAYERS

Fajr 4.21 am  
Zuhr 11.53  
Asr 3.23 pm  
Maghreb 6.05  
Isha 7.22

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

Free Atelier  
Samia Ahmed is showing her paintings at the Free Atelier gallery, Arabian Gulf St., from 8.30 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, daily.

## Gadhi Gallery

Magdi Kenawy's lithographs and prints are on show at the gallery in Salhiya Complex.

## Sultan Gallery

An oil painting exhibition by Pakistani artist Yasmeen Bhamia, opens today at 5 pm in the gallery, Al Soor St.

## THEATRE

## Kuwait Players

"Wait Until Dark", a suspense drama, opens tonight at 8 pm, and runs nightly until March 31, in the Universal American School, Salwa. Tel: 565749.

## Stepping Out

Kuwait Players presents the comedy "Stepping Out" from April 10 to 14 at the Regency Palace Hotel. Tel: 5331169; 5745838 for bookings.

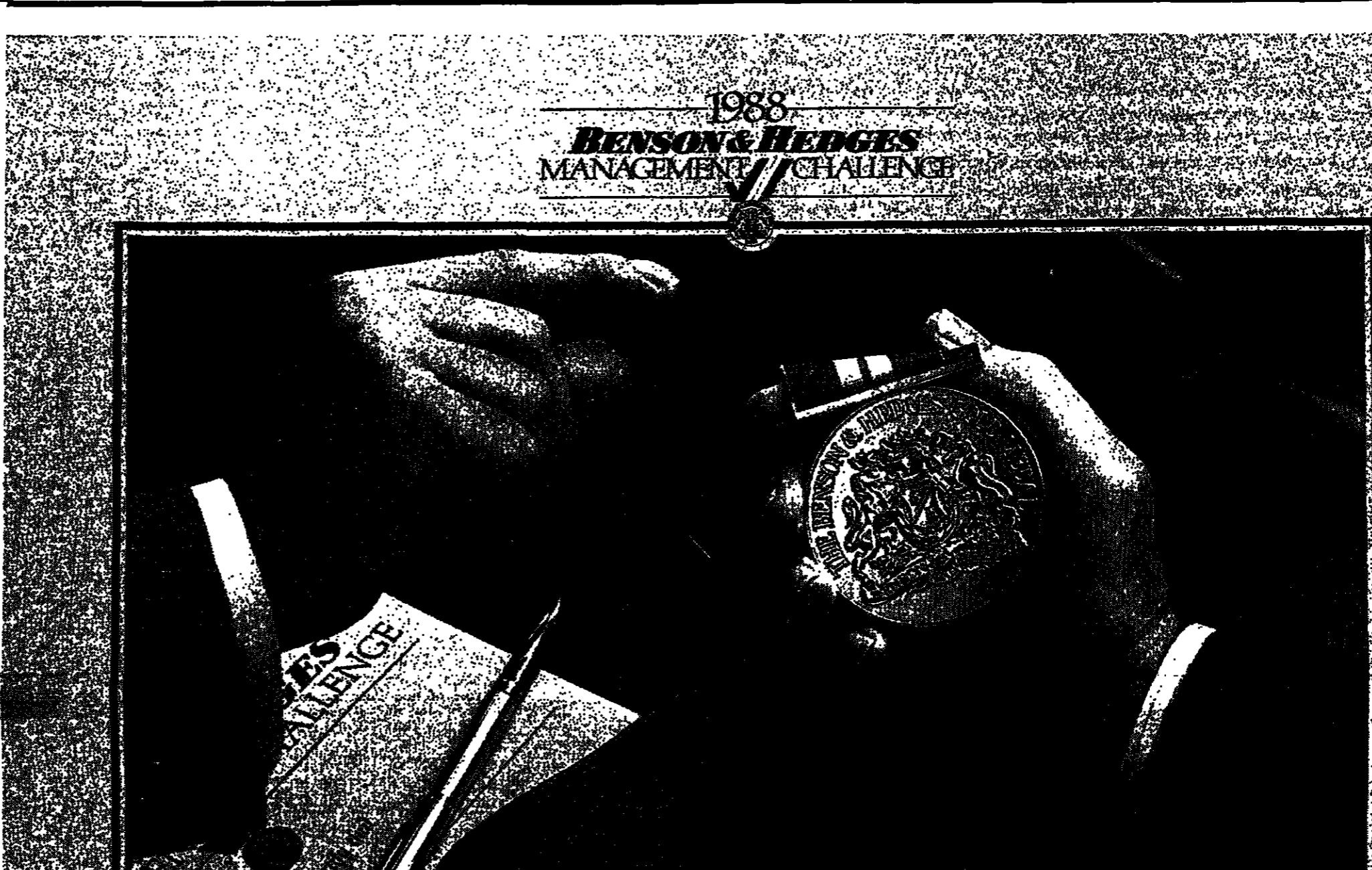
## SOCIAL

## Bangladesh Association

A cultural programme will be held on March 31, 6.30 pm, in the Sharq Cooperative Society hall. For queries call: Hatem Ali Shah — 4710128; Mozammel — 2551312.

## Story Time

Thursday, March 31, 10.30 am, is story time at the British Council Library. Children of all nationalities between the ages of three and six are welcome.

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## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE heart is never neutral — Earl of Shaftesbury, English statesman (1621-1683).

## Ershad's hold on power seems firm

By Anis Ahmed

DHAKA, (Reuter): Bangladesh President Hussain Muhammad Ershad completed six years of rule on Wednesday with his hold on power apparently undiminished by a campaign to oust him, diplomats and political analysts said.

Ershad seized power in a bloodless coup on March 24, 1982, and diplomats said the general-turned-politician looked set to remain in office for the rest of his current five-year term which ends in October 1991.

Bangladesh was established as an independent nation in 1971 and none of its previous presidents completed their terms.

Founding President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was killed in a military coup in August 1975 while his successor, General Ziaur Rahman, died in a 1981 mutiny.

President Abdus Sattar held office for less than a year before Ershad ousted him.

"We have just ended an era of development. Bangladesh looks to an even brighter future," Shah Moazzem Hossain, secretary-general of Ershad's ruling Jatiya Party, told a news conference on Monday.

## Income

Hossain said that under Ershad annual per capita income in Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries, had increased by 2.3 per cent.

Foreign exchange reserves had risen to \$850 million in 1987 from \$22 million in 1982 while gross domestic product growth had reached four per cent from 0.1 per cent.

Officials have also described as spectacular an agricultural recovery following devastating floods last year.

Agriculture ministry officials said higher than average output had already produced two million tonnes of rice to help replace the 3.4 million tonnes lost in the floods.

Jatiya won a landslide victory in violent parliamentary elections on March 3 during which police said at least 15 people were killed and 200 injured in bombings and gunbattles.

A coalition of 21 opposition parties, led by Bangladesh Nationalist Party head Begum Khaleda Zia and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, boycotted the polls as part of a campaign to topple Ershad.

## Aquino goes ahead with land reform

By David W. Jones

MANILA, (UPI): A landlord-dominated congress has left little intact of an ambitious land reform programme — President Corazon Aquino's 1986 election platform and her answer to endemic poverty.

The House of Representatives and Senate pushed through two dramatically different versions of the President's land reform bill Friday, five months after the deadline Aquino had set for her sweeping reform programme to become law.

The house bill approved just before congress went into its Easter recess, was only a far cry from the ambitious programme formulated last August, watered down to the point where almost no land is left to be redistributed.

All 14 sponsors walked out of the house when it became clear the chambers landlord would succeed in gutting the bill's key provisions.

Their only hope now is that portions will be restored when a House-Senate Committee meets next month to reconcile the two bills.

"We are against this mutilated land reform bill," said Felicísimo Patayán, an organiser of the peasant farmers group Kilusang Magbukid sa Pilipinas.

"The lawmakers claim to care for the peasants, but they are not for the peasants, they are for the landlords."

Representative Bonifacio Gillego, who led the house walk-out, added, "we cannot allow our names to be used by the pro-landlord solons in coming up with an emasculated agrarian reform bill. We will have no face to show our constituents."

The programme announced by Aquino last August would have been broken up and redistributed virtually all agricultural

Khaleda told a rally in Dhaka this week: "The government is trying to fool the people by cheap slogans. Our movement will not stop until it is ousted and a flawless democracy established."

But an Asian diplomat told Reuters: "Ershad is a shrewd navigator in the turbulence of Bangladeshi politics. He has outwitted his opponents many times and taken the wind out of their sails."

Diplomats say they believe the opposition lost its chance to oust Ershad last November when the anti-government campaign, which included a series of general strikes, was at its height.

Ershad has also been helped by the dislike Hasina and Khaleda have for each other.

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The changes would be worked out by a special commission headed by a supreme court judge, he said last week without giving details.

Ershad said the new parliament, expected to open in mid-April, would also discuss a law making Islam the state religion in Bangladesh, the world's third most populous Muslim country.

The opposition argues this is a diversionary tactic. "This is just an attempt to divert people's attention from the political and economic problems he is facing," Khaleda said.

Bangladesh is seeking more than \$2 billion in foreign aid for the financial year starting in July.

"I think donors will at least maintain the previous year's aid level of \$1.85 billion. There may even be an increase," an Asian diplomat said.

## Substantial movement toward resolving Lebanon's political crisis

## Washington quietly encouraging dialogue

By E.A. Wayne

WASHINGTON: For the first time in over two years, there is substantial movement toward resolving Lebanon's political crisis, say Reagan administration and Middle Eastern officials.

Over the past month, the pace of discussion between opposing sides in Lebanon has intensified, significantly with the US playing the role of "postman" between the Christian government of Lebanon and Syria, whose 25,000 troops dominate most of Lebanon.

A United States diplomat was recently shuttling between Lebanon and Syria with the most recent proposals for political reform.

Since last summer, Washington has been quietly encouraging dialogue between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel. The goal is to end the chaos in Lebanon, which included a series of general strikes, was at its height.

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ment and Syria, so Syria can play a successful — constructive — mediator role" between the government and its opposition, explains a senior Middle Eastern diplomat. "Washington is not trying to take Syria's place."

Most encouraging, say informed officials, is that "very substantive exchanges" are now underway on key questions of power sharing between Lebanon's warring communities — Christian, Shiite Muslim, Sunni Muslim, and Druze. The parties are also exploring ways to begin to lessen the importance of "confessionalism" the system of distributing government posts on the basis of religion.

The process is still fragile, specialists add, but the main actors seem interested in progress before this summer's presidential election in Lebanon.

"We are all exhausted and impoverished by this civil war," says a well-placed Lebanese. "No one community feels it can force hegemony over others and all want to get this sorted out before we try to choose someone to lead the country for the next six years."

A senior Middle Eastern diplomat says that President Gemayel and most other key actors are agreed they "need to play ball with the Syrians" to bring the parties together again. However, he adds, the US role



Amin Gemayel  
has been essential in getting Syria and the Lebanese Christians to break the stalemate. Saudi Arabia, France, and the Vatican are also helping, he says.

Racked by civil war for almost 13 years, Lebanon's government has been paralysed since January 1986. The feuding sides within the government have not talked directly during this period. Decisions are made through decrees and notes carried between ministers and the President by courier.

With substantial urging from the US, Gemayel prepared a "very serious" proposal for constitutional reform in December and January, say diplomatic sources. Richard Murphy, assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, carried it to Damascus during his early February tour of the region.

Assad then asked for more

specific proposals on government power sharing and on eliminating "confessional" identity from Lebanon's political system.

The US sees Gemayel's ideas as "a real step forward" and urged Damascus to give it "serious study," administration sources say. The Syrians had earlier told the US that if Gemayel came up with a substantial offer they would work with his Sunni, Shiite, and Druze opposition to respond constructively. The Syrians did call Lebanese opposition leaders to Damascus, and Assad gave Shultz the opposition's comments recently.

A US diplomat then carried these comments to Beirut, where within 24 hours Gemayel prepared another response for the Americans to carry back to Syria.

The US role, administration sources say, is not to mediate but to get the sides talking so they can work out their own problems. Washington concluded last year that unless the paralysis was broken before this summer's presidential election, there would be even further instability that could easily spill out of Lebanon. In a series of soundings last summer and fall, the US found the main Lebanese groups — except the radical pro-Iranian Hizbullah — eager to resolve the stalemate and supporting ren-

ewed US interests.

The process still has far to go. Current discussions are focused on reform of Lebanon's government. Lebanese Muslims have long contended that the confessional system gives the Christians a disproportionate share of power, dating from the 1930s, when the Christians made up the largest sector of the population. It is now widely believed that the Muslims outnumber Christians.

The issue of withdrawing foreign troops — Syrian, Israeli, and Iranian — which control up to 80 per cent of Lebanon will have to be addressed down the line. Mutual suspicions remain high. Even within the Christian camp, for example, Gemayel still faces opposition from the Lebanese forces who are very mistrustful of Syrian intentions.

Syrian officials say they want a strong central government in Lebanon based on a constitutional reform that gives just distribution of power to the warring Lebanese communities.

US officials still ask to what extent the Syrians really want to get out of Lebanon and eliminate their military presence, a move the US believes is essential for a final solution. Some suspect Assad increasingly realises Syria cannot control the situation and wants out. Assad also seeks dialogue with the US, as a check against an Israeli attack and as a

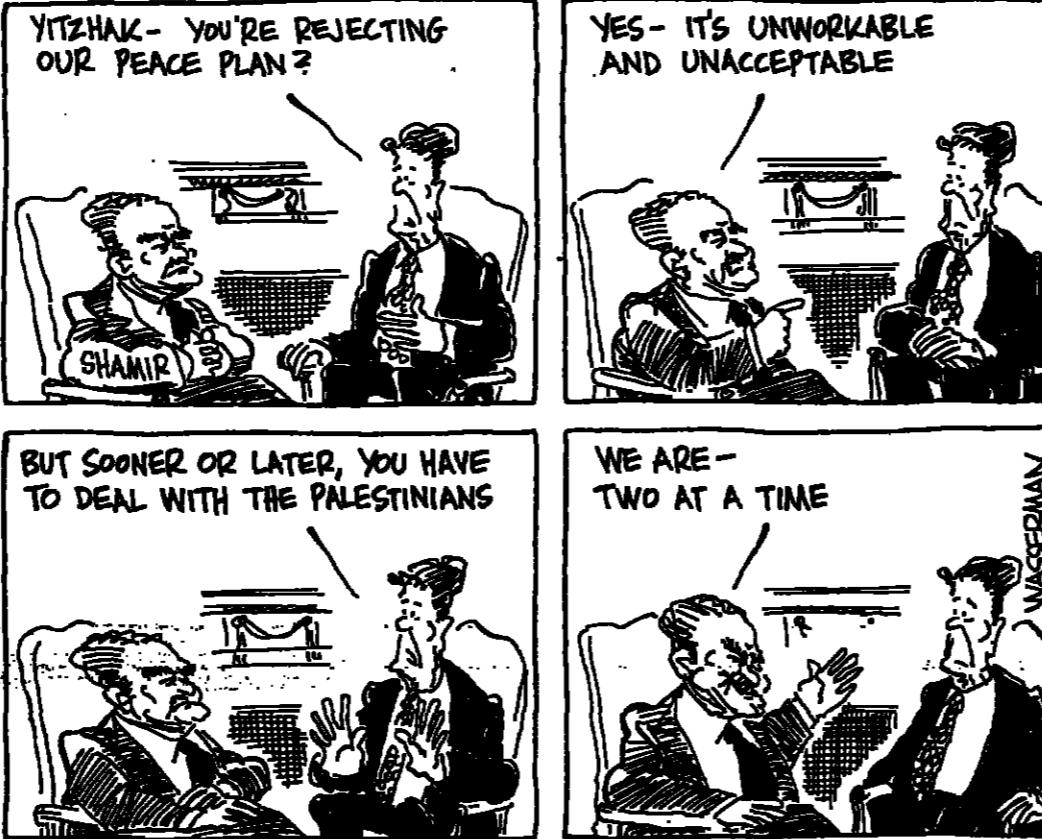
potential means of regaining the Golan Heights and getting Israel out of Lebanon.

On the other hand, US officials consider Assad an extremely astute leader who will seek an outcome that leaves Syria with as much influence as possible. Syria also has a very different view of the Middle East peace process than the US and retains close ties to Moscow, they say.

Nevertheless, US and Syria do share an interest in reducing tensions in southern Lebanon, in preventing entrenchment of the radical, pro-Iranian Hizbullah, and in avoiding a return to a situation where Palestinian commandos roamed freely in the area, say officials from both countries. Washington is willing to help address the question of southern Lebanon down the road, administration sources say, but the first task has to be the creation of functioning Lebanese government.

The dialogue on Lebanese political reform is now focused on two areas. First, the cabinet: what powers will the Christian president have compared with other cabinet members and how much say the different communities will have in forming the cabinet. Second, what kind of timetable and process can be devised for moving away from the current system.

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## Arab sentries on alert against Israeli soldiers

By Masha Hamilton

ARURA, Occupied West Bank, (AP): Two Palestinian men, kifayehs hiding their faces and clubs held at their sides, sprinted down the village's main road at night to pass the word: "Israeli soldiers are coming."

Behind them, about 20 Arabs moved in the dark with practised speed to block the road in half a dozen chosen places. They dragged stockpiled boulders and twisted metal onto the pavement to slow the 12-jeep Israeli patrol.

The Arabs whistled shrilly to each other across the rocky hills to indicate the Army's progress on the narrow road.

The overnight citizen's patrol was in action. It is one of dozens of such sentries set up in response to Israel's tactic of carrying out nighttime raids to arrest hundreds of suspected Arab

agitators in an effort to quell more than 15 weeks of violent anti-Israeli protests.

The Arab patrols are clandestine and all those interviewed would agree only to the use of their first names. A journalist witnessed the patrols on two separate evenings.

For that reason, they are a concern to Israeli officials.

"Illegal local organisation could lead to illegal regional organisation, all of it directed against us," said one military official on condition of not being identified.

On this night, the Israeli Army jeep stopped short of Arura, parked for about half an hour and then turned around.

## Retreat

Why the soldiers approached and why they left was not clear. The villagers viewed it as an Israeli retreat and a victory for the Palestinians.

Patrolling in Arura is methodical and sometimes tense. Every passing car is stopped by men brandishing clubs and rocks, their faces mostly hidden beneath traditional checkered Arab scarves.

Strangers are ordered out of their vehicles to determine if they are friends or Israelis, either plain-clothes officers or settlers from the nearby Ateret settlement.

However, it's known that Israeli police and settlers carry guns in their vehicles and would probably fire if they felt threatened.

The sentinels try to encourage cameraderie, urging one another to continue the fight against the Israelis and making optimistic predictions about the future of the intifadah. They sometimes take a break to ward off the night cold with a shared glass of sweet herb tea.

Tahir, a 23-year-old Palestinian, said he would stand guard until 5 am and then leave for his job in an Israeli orange packing factory.

"I'm one person at night and another in the day," he said. "In Israel, they have no idea that I am taking my turn, once a week, on patrol."

The Israelis have detained more than 700 Palestinians in the last week in an effort to bring an end to anti-occupation protests.

## Vice-presidential guessing game underway in US campaign

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): George Bush's success in nailing down the Republican presidential nomination has started a guessing game over whom Ronald Reagan's loyal lieutenant will choose as his own running-mate.

Bush campaign spokesman Peter Teeley insists "there is no long or short list" of vice-presidential contenders, but political strategists outside Bush's camp have begun considering prospective ticket-mates.

High on almost everybody's list are Illinois governor James Thompson, California governor George Deukmejian and former Pennsylvania governor Richard Thornburgh — on the theory that they could carry their home states, all major population centres that could help decide a close general election.

"There's lots of time. We have until the August convention," Teeley told Reuters in reference to the Republican presidential nominating convention in New Orleans which is expected to choose Bush as the party's nominee.

The Democrats were to pick their candidate at a summer convention in Atlanta for the November presidential election.

Senate Republican leader Robert Dole of Kansas and New York Congressman Jack Kemp, two of Bush's nomination rivals, are considered unlikely to be chosen by Bush. They are generally regarded as too independent to be suitable vice-presidents.

Dole is fighting on against Bush even though his cause looks hopeless. Kemp pulled out weeks ago, insisting that he, not Bush, was the legitimate heir to

the ticket. Teeley showed that move actually cost Mondale support among conservative Democrats in an election he lost by a landslide anyway. But many analysts think the centre-right Republicans are in a better position to try the same thing without the backlash.

Former Transportation Secretary



NEWLY demobilised Sandinista soldiers shout pro-government slogans during a departure ceremony at the Tamatoya military school, north of Managua. About 1,800 soldiers were sent home from the war front after Contra rebels signed a peace accord recently. (Reuter wirephoto)



POPE John Paul II, holding olive branches, arrives in St Peter's Square on his way to an altar there for an outdoor Palm Sunday mass. (Reuter wirephoto)



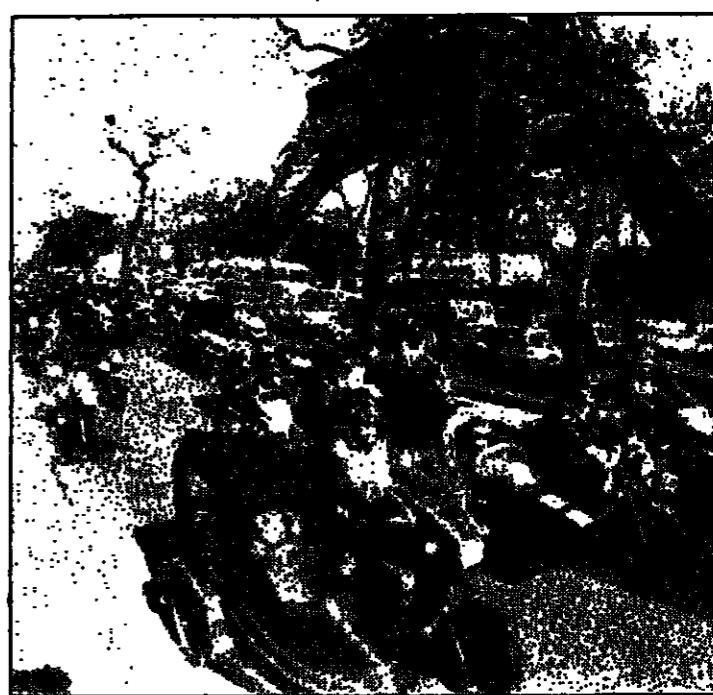
BOB HOPE makes his first public appearance since his surgery, as he joins a host of Hollywood stars in a 'Hollywood Salute to Broadway' that honoured surgeon-general C. Everett Koop (right) and raised money for AIDS organisations and programmes. (Reuter wirephoto)



A TIBETAN protestor and 12 others in New Delhi receive a personal appeal from the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan leader, to end their hunger strike to secure the release of Tibetans imprisoned by the Chinese authorities in Lhasa. (Reuter wirephoto)



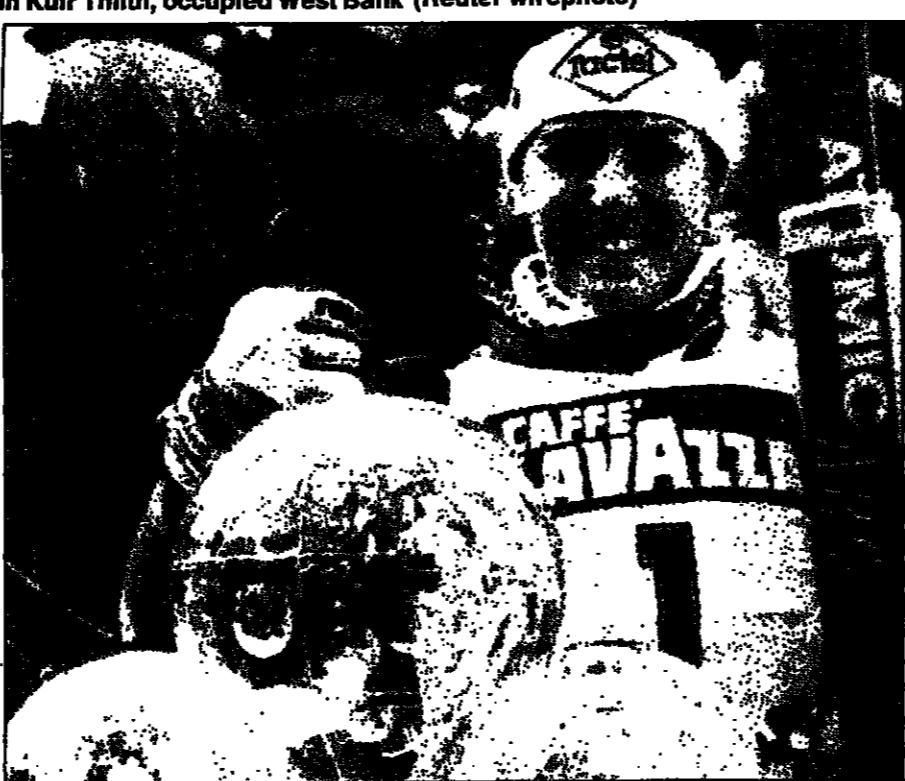
YOUSEF Abu Safya, 22, receives treatment in Nablus hospital after he was shot in the eye with a rubber bullet during a demonstration in Kifl Thilth, occupied West Bank (Reuter wirephoto)



HUNDREDS of motorcyclists demonstrating against high insurance rates, pass near the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The protesters said France was the most expensive European country and demanded the government reduce the premiums. (Reuter wirephoto)



SWITZERLAND'S Michela Figini (right) and Italy's Alberto Tomba with their World Cup trophies after winning in the women's and men's overall ski events final race in Austria. Figini won the downhill and giant slalom standings and Tomba, men's slalom and giant slalom standings. (Reuter wirephoto)



HANGING her head in relief, No. 1 seed Steffi Graf shows emotion after winning the women's singles championship finals against opponent Chris Evert at the Lipton International Players Championship in Biscayne, Florida. (Reuter wirephoto)



JANET Evans of Fullerton, California, waves to the crowd after setting new world record in the women's 1,500 metre freestyle at the US Swimming Indoor Championships in Orlando. (Reuter wirephoto)



ONLY with boats or trucks can these inhabitants of Rhodenkirchen, a suburb of Cologne, West Germany, reach their homes, which are standing close to the Rhine River and now completely surrounded by water. Rains and melting snow have caused the river to rise above its normal level. (Reuter wirephoto)



SWEDISH police, armed with whips and mounted on horseback, push back a large crowd of demonstrators outside the Iraqi embassy in Stockholm. Thousands had gathered to protest against Iraq's use of chemical weapons. (Reuter wirephoto)



Take your pick of embroidered kaftans in black or white.



Embroidered dress and dark waistcoat make a stylish contrast.



Lace trimmings add a dramatic touch to this evening dress.

Madame Z opts for simple and chic look

# A blend of the Occident and Orient

By Fathima Ahmed

AS fashion trends go — every designer keeps up with the times. Turkish designer Madame Z follows the rules set by European designers but gently breaks away with a tantalizing blend of the Occident and Orient.

Zuhal Yorgancioglu's — Madame Z — 1988 collection was shown on Saturday night at the Kuwait Sheraton. This is the fourth time she has displayed her creations here: Madame Z has mellowed with time — discarding her lavish, glitzy elegance for the "simple but chic look."

Eleven highly professional models swirled, twirled and danced to an entrancing mixture of Oriental and Western music, showing casuals and evening wear embellished with a touch of gold.

Ruffles are in. So is the little-girl look from the West. Poufs, raglan sleeves and above-knee skirts and cheerful bubble-skirts and balloons are all part of the Turkish collection, dominated by harem pants and salwars. But, once again, she seduces today's woman with its variation — salwars cut above the knee, showing a sexy thigh or ankle. Even when she dares to bare — like in the bare-backed black or white body-hugging kaftans — she does it tastefully. The woman has the choice to hide it beneath an exquisitely embroidered short jacket or dare and bare.

Madame Z has an eye for style. More than a fashion designer, she is an artist who sculpts clothes to flatter a woman's femininity. Her collection of kaftans is particularly

striking. Ankle-length gowns touched with embroidery on necklines or woven cross-over jacket designs are rather appealing. So are her casuals in black and gold or white and gold with contrasting wide belts. She surprises with bouncy ruffled-lined skirts with skin-tight bodices or her above-knee twirls in colours that stun the eye: fuscous pinks, mauves, purples, oranges and flame reds.

Then, come the soft colours — grays, whites, mustards and olive greens, colour coordinated to please the eye.

Yet, the shine and shimmer of gold and silver still attracts the designer. Lavishly embroidered capes flow tantalizingly over clinging harem pants in bold purples, raven blacks and burgundy shades.

The best in her collection were the harem clothes in soft, crinkled chiffon — a fabric known as buruncuk made in Turkey — flows gently blending happily with the design, touched with delicate embroidery on lace.

Madame Z has been in the fashion business for 30 years. Her task, she says, is to revive Oriental designs. She laments the loss of traditional fashion and the over-indulgence in European haute couture.

"My aim is to revive Oriental clothes," she says. That is just what she has been doing — blending Eastern and Western ideas to make highly original clothes, for a night out in the town or as museum pieces.

The Turkish fashion show continues nightly at 8.30 pm in the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel until March 29.



Ole! a bit of Spanish flavour.



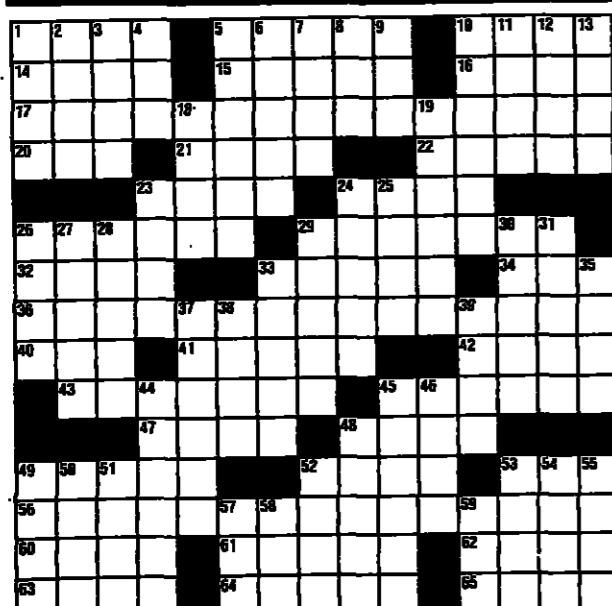
If you dare to bare, the waistcoat can be taken off.



Pure Turkish delight: harem trousers for evening wear.

(Photos by Ahmed Bourini)

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**  
 1 Type of shark  
 5 After-dinner treats  
 10 Vessel  
 14 Words of understanding  
 15 Side by side, at sea  
 16 City on the Brazos  
 17 Dessert choice  
 20 Range of knowledge  
 21 Coup d'—  
 22 Turn away  
 23 Road shoulder  
 24 Wind indicator  
 26 Walk with long steps  
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 33 Venom component  
 34 Under the weather  
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 40 Gosh  
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 45 Life's work  
 47 The Charles' pet  
 48 Uncommon  
 49 Long-legged bird  
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

**SOPS** **HOLST** **PUCE**  
**TOAT** **AROAR** **ARAG**  
**ONME** **MYSTIFYING**  
**WABASH** **SYNOPSIS**  
**OLLAS** **RASH**  
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**ALLA** **ESQUE** **EZRA**  
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**TROW** **MEES** **LPS**  
**CEILA** **DENSE**  
**SPOOLING** **NORMAL**  
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**ARNE** **GELEE** **ANTI**  
**DUOS** **ESTER** **STER**

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

**Q.1**—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
 ♠ K963 ♦ KJ7 95 ♣ KJ63  
 The bidding has proceeded:  
 North East South West  
 1 Pass 1 Pass  
 2 ♠ Pass ?  
 What action do you take?

**Q.2**—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
 ♠ K9632 ♦ KJ7 95 ♣ KJ63  
 The bidding has proceeded:  
 North East South West  
 1 Dbl ?  
 What action do you take?

**Q.3**—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
 ♠ K973 ♦ 872 AJ103 ♣ 85  
 Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

**Q.4**—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ K973 ♦ 872 AJ103 ♣ 85  
 The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West  
 1 Pass 1 Pass  
 2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass  
 3 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

**Q.5**—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ K973 ♦ 872 AJ103 ♣ 85

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West  
 1 Pass 1 Pass  
 2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass  
 3 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

**Q.6**—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ K91073 ♦ 94 AKJ ♣ K73

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East  
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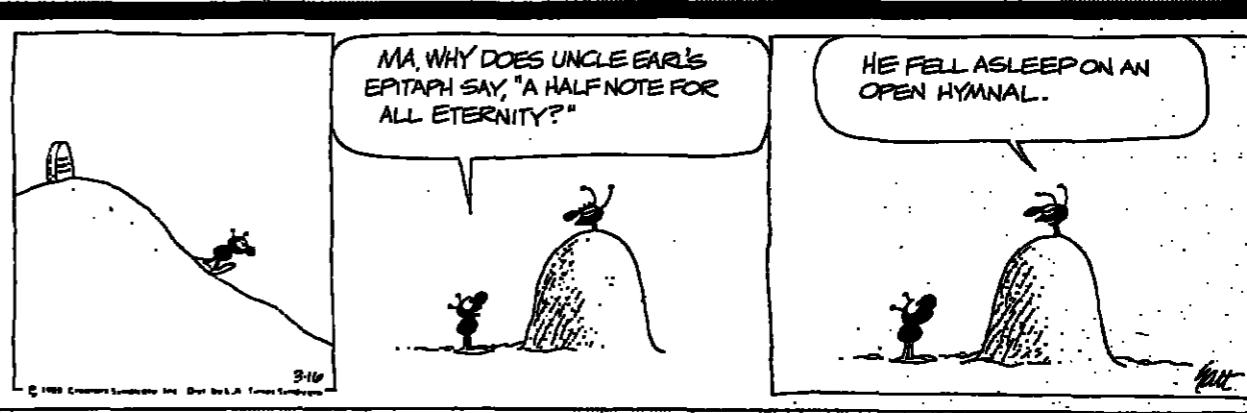
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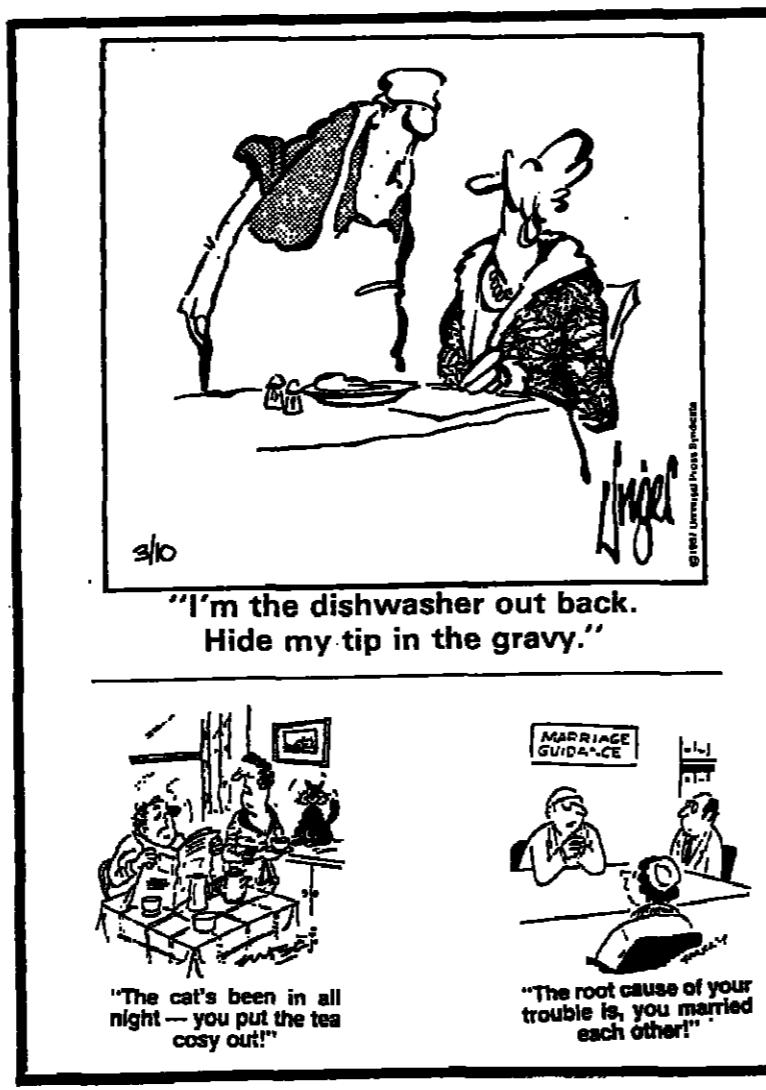
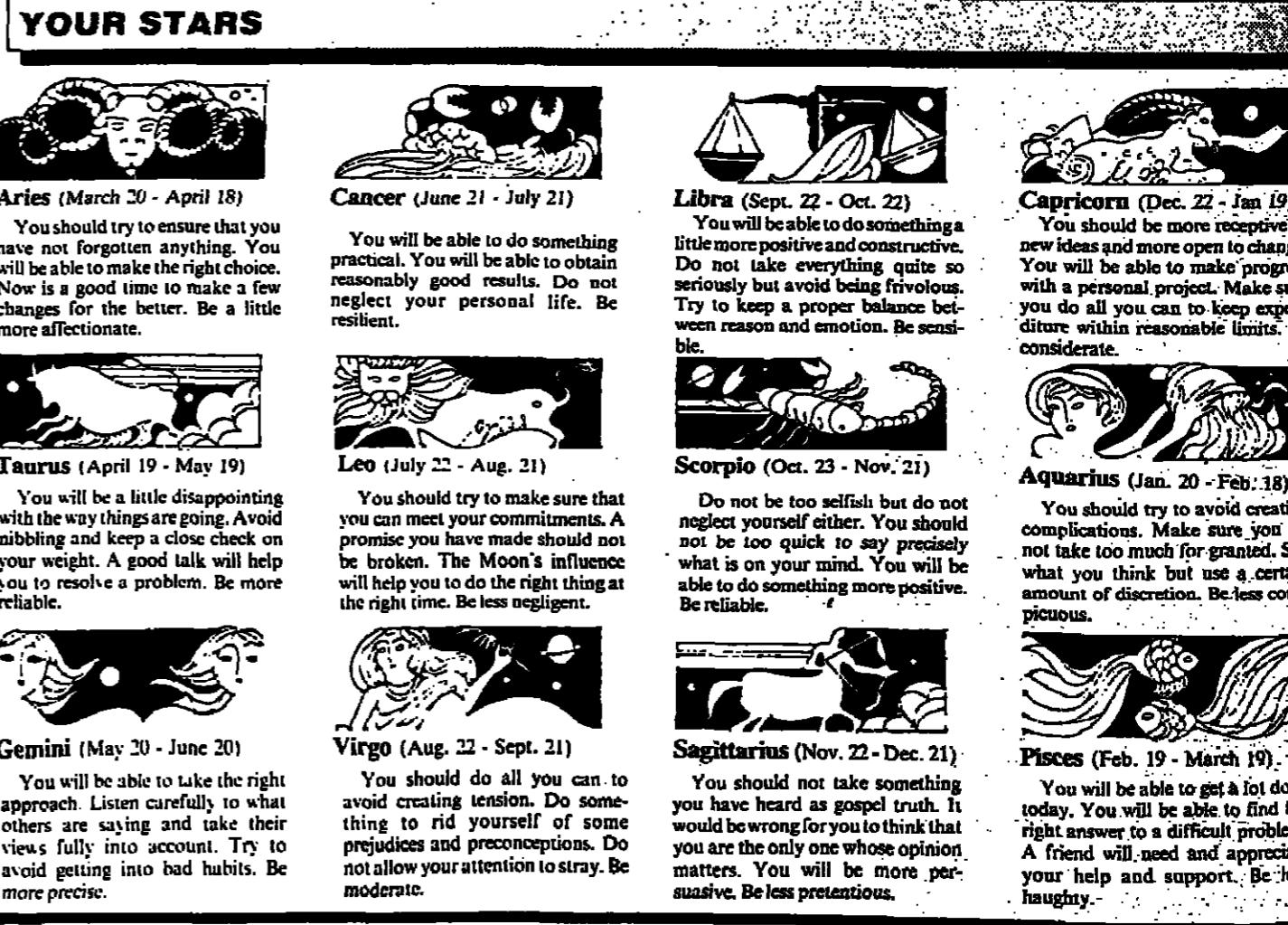
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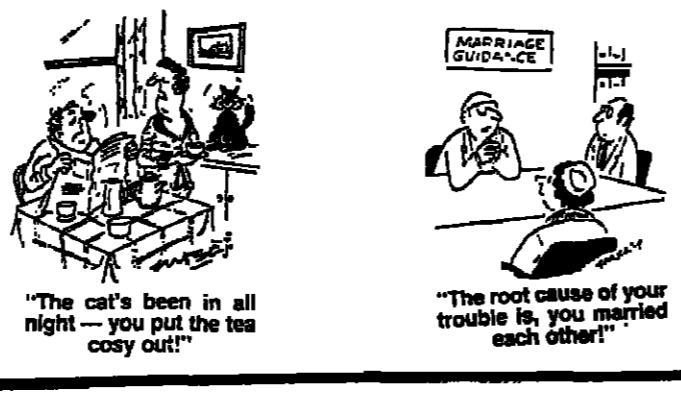
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By Johnny Hart



"I'm the dishwasher out back.  
 Hide my tip in the gravy."



"The cat's been in all night — you put the tea cosy out!"



Whether it's quilts, whirligigs, weather-vanes or paintings, 19th century American folk art is soaring in popularity. This pair of paintings by Ammi Phillips, 'Dr Isaac Evert' (right) and 'Sarah Cornwall' (left) sold for \$88,000 at Christie's.



## American folk art draws big spenders

By Caren Ross

NEW YORK (Reuter): Quilts, whirligigs, weather-vanes and paintings — 19th-century American folk art is soaring in popularity.

Sotheby's auction house raised more than 1.5 million dollars at a recent sale of two masterly folk art paintings.

And Christie's recently opened a division devoted exclusively to folk art because of what its director John Hays said is a "tremendous rise in interest in the last three years."

**Simple**

"It has nothing to do with basket-weaving and making pots," said Nancy Druckman, head of Sotheby's folk art department, poking fun at folk art's association with rural craftsmen working away at looms and potters' wheels.

Nonetheless, few folk artists of the late 18th and early 19th century had academic training and their creations look spontaneous, even naive.

Their figures tended to be simple, bold and somewhat distorted, giving portraits an expressive and abstract quality akin to some early 20th-century art.

Experts say this affinity — part accidental, part intentional between art styles of the two centuries has been recognised only recently.

The affinity is explored in an exhibition at the New York Hirsch and Adler Folk Gallery. Director Frank Miele noted that just as the influence of primitivism — tribal art — was evident in early 20th-century European artists such as Pablo Picasso and Max Ernst, folk art was evident in American art of the same period.

Miele says 20th-century American artists — Robert Laurent, Charles Sheeler, Eliel Nadelman, Marsden Hartley, Konrad Cramer, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Bernard Karfiol and others — were influenced directly by folk art.

Many more 20th-century US

artists were unaware of folk art's work, but ended up in the same place," Druckman said.

In addition to its aesthetic, modernistic appeal, folk art is valued for its historical and utilitarian qualities.

A wooden whirligig (a toy run by wind-powered propellers) shaped like a revolutionary war soldier, for example, sold at Christie's late January auction for 20,000 dollars. A cast iron rooster weather-vane and diamond-patterned quilt brought in thousands more.

Unlike late 18th-century American painters like Benjamin West and John Copley, who travelled to Europe for inspiration, folk artists depicted "the kind of merchant class that was eventually going to be the backbone of America," Druckman said.

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The second work, by a deaf mute, John Brewster, depicts a man whose austere expression is offset by the tender extension of his hand to his five-year-old daughter. It sold for \$85,000 dollars, a folk art record.

Unlike much folk art, both works are signed and dated, 1805 and 1799, respectively.

Scholars are just beginning to attribute and date what had been a largely anonymous body of folk art experts say, and this increases its value.

Even outside New York galleries, folk art sales are booming, according to Leslie Eisenberg, who sells old blue-green copper weather-vanes, wooden whirligigs, carved figures and other objects.

For 2,500 dollars she sells the amulet believed to have been worn by first US president George Washington's pall-bearers — a cloth effigy of a soldier wearing a velvet coat, satin waistcoat and lamb's wool wig.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Group to announce steps to help boost prices

## Non-Opec producers might respond to Opec cuts

NEW YORK, March 27, (Reuters): Non-Opec oil producers, which the organisation says are pumping more than 500,000 extra barrels a day into world markets, might be persuaded to reduce output by about five per cent if Opec did likewise, according to US analysts.

They said both the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the non-Opec producers must cut back production over a sustained period if world oil prices were to stabilise near Opec's \$18-a-barrel target price.

A group of seven non-Opec producers — Egypt, Oman, China, Mexico, Malaysia, Angola and Colombia — are expected to announce steps soon to help boost oil prices, an Arab oil industry official told Reuters

Production

British Brent crude, another benchmark, ended almost unchanged on the week at \$15.40 for April delivery. That was \$1.45 up on the beginning of March.

Opec countries are now producing at or under their self-

imposed ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day, excluding Iraq, according to Opec President Rilwan Lukman of Nigeria.

Analysts say Opec has resisted calling an emergency meeting of oil ministers, fearing that any production cuts on the organisation's part would be quickly made up by non-Opec producers eager to increase sales.

Lukman, at a news conference in Lagos on Wednesday, blamed non-Opec producers for adding to the weakness of oil prices. He said non-Opec producers were now pumping between 500,000 and one million extra barrels each day into a glutted world market.

William Hermann, chief economist of US-based Chevron Corp., estimated aggregate production for the group of seven non-Opec producers in

1988 will total about 7.65 million barrels per day from the world oil market.

He said one plan rumoured to be under consideration was a five per cent cut in output by the seven, which would remove about 382,500 barrels per day from the world oil market.

"Fundamentally, a five per cent decrease in output by these seven non-Opec nations is a step in the right direction," he said. "If the non-Opec production cutbacks hold over time, then Opec members might be more inclined to stick to their quotas."

Mehdi Varzi, an oil analyst with Kleinwort Grieson in London, said another possible plan to support prices would have both Opec and non-Opec producers trim production by about five per cent. Varzi estimated such a cutback would eliminate about 1.1 million

barrels per day from the world oil market.

But analysts say non-Opec

producers are likely to resist

requests for voluntary production cuts because oil is the

primary source of revenue for

many.

"At today's prices, I can't pic-

ture non-Opec producers want-

ing to lose market share," said

Sarah Emerson, vice-president

of US-based Energy Security

Analysis Inc. "However, if the

price of oil fell to \$12 or \$13, then

they might cut back."

She said non-Opec producers might similarly announce a downward revision in future output growth.

Non-Opec production in the

first quarter of 1988 will come to

25.51 million barrels per day, up

170,000 barrels per day from last

year's levels, according to Data

Resources Inc. Total world oil

production averaged about

55.34 million barrels per day in

1987, according to the US

Department of Energy.

William Veno, an analyst with

DRI, said production cutbacks

by Opec and the seven non-Opec

producers might be insufficient

unless Norway, Britain and the

Soviet Union participate.

The three are not part of the

seven-nation group that met earlier

this month in London.

But Sanford Margoshes, an oil

analyst with Shearson Lehman

Hutton Inc., said a cut by even a

few non-Opec producers would

be an important step in balancing

world supplies and demand.

"It would send Opec signals

that greater support is being

given to them. They would not

have to fear that if they cut, the

void would be filled by non-Opec

production."

He said: "There's any problem in

the US markets, be it because of

political reasons or inflation, it

will manifest itself in the dollar,"

said bank credit analyst Barnes.

"The dollar is still the Achilles

heel for the US economy."

A dollar under pressure could

force Washington to raise US

interest rates to defend the

currency and keep it attractive to

foreign investors. Indeed, the

dollar's weakness, especially

against the yen, sent shivers

down Wall Street last week. The

Dow Jones Industrial Average

fell 89 points on Thursday and

Friday, closing below 2,000 for

the first time in over a month.

## World Business Summary

### Moscow to apply for membership of ADB

MANILA, March 27, (Xinhua): Visiting Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev declared here today that the Soviet Union will be glad to be a member of the Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB). As a first step, he told a press conference, the Soviet Union will send an observer to the 21st annual meeting of the board of governors of the bank to be held on April 28-30 in Manila.

Rogachev said, "we are for broader participation of all countries in the Pacific region in economic and financial cooperation. And so we are glad to be members of all regional organisations, including the Asian Development Bank."

Soviet ambassador to the Philippines Oleg Sokolov, who was also present at the press conference, said that the Soviet Union has recently established the national commission for economic cooperation with the area of the Pacific. One of the steps the commission will take to establish economic, trade and technological cooperation with countries in the Pacific. One of the steps the commission will take to establish economic, trade and technological cooperation with countries in the Pacific.

The Soviet deputy foreign minister is now on a five-day visit to Manila. He met and discussed with President Corazon Aquino and other ranking Philippine government officials the international and bilateral issues.

### Manila signs debt rescheduling pacts with 3 European countries

MANILA, March 27, (Xinhua): The Philippines yesterday signed debt rescheduling agreements with Denmark, Finland and Switzerland involving some \$22.3 million in official debts owned to the three European countries. According to the Philippine News Agency, covered by the agreements are some \$8.6 million in official debts owned to Denmark, \$4 million to Finland and \$9.7 million to Switzerland. The signing of the three restructuring agreements brought to \$193.24 million the amount of debts restructured. \$1.05 billion owned to 14 creditor governments are subject to restructuring. The three agreements were signed by Philippine Finance Secretary Vicente and diplomatic envoys of the three countries.

The Philippine government yesterday signed an agreement with the United Kingdom which agreed to restructure some \$31.5 million. Those which had earlier signed similar agreements were Federal Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Austria, Canada and Belgium. Three countries, however, have yet to sign restructuring agreements with the Philippines — the Netherlands and two of the country's major creditors, the United States and Japan.

The Philippines owes the United States some \$229 million and Japan some \$515 million.

### Nigerian minister extols Sap

LAGOS, March 27, (Opec): The structural adjustment programme (Sap) in Nigeria had succeeded in bringing about a realistic adjustment of the exchange rate of the naira, the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Dr Chu Okonwuo, said here last week. Delivering a lecture on "the challenges of the Nigerian economy in the immediate years after the structural adjustment programmes," at a monthly luncheon of the Nigerian-American Chamber of Commerce, Okonwuo said that Sap had brought about a "progressive dismantling of the complex set of discretionary controls which were a cog in the wheel of private investment and economic progress, as well as a strengthening of the role of market forces and signals in determining economic choices and achieving allocative efficiency."

The exchange rate adjustments and the removal of discretionary controls have engendered more rational economic and financial behaviour by the different tiers of government, business firms and households in the country, he added.

These measures, he said, had helped the nation accomplish the objective of attaining a better alignment between its patterns of domestic production and consumption and the internal resource base.

"It is imperative that the alignment should continue in the future as the resource base changes," he added.

The minister said that the challenges of the Nigerian economy in the years ahead would continue to centre on the need for diversification of productive base.

### International oil market weak

A PROMINENT Arab oil official yesterday said the state of the international market was "extremely weak" because of the sharp fall in demand. Abdel Aziz Al Wattari, acting secretary-general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), said that Opec members must back the \$18 per barrel price in order to have the final say on the benchmark price.

In an interview with Kuna yesterday, Al Wattari said that if Opec states do not stick to the production ceiling, prices will be liable to take a dive. Any irregular hike in production will lead to a near collapse of prices, he added. He said that demand for oil by developed countries is a significant element in boosting the market in the long run, but it is not likely to shoot up nor will it absorb the current oversupply on the market. On squeezing Opec's budget this year to a mere KD1.3 million, Al Wattari said that the organisation did not have an alternative, but to reduce spending.

He added that although Opec's staff was cut by more than 50 per cent from the original 150 employees, "we have proven at the fourth Arab energy conference, held recently in Baghdad, that we can give more and do what we have to and maybe more."

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## Africa accelerates bid for radical debt solution

NAIROBI, March 27, (Reuters): African nations are stepping up efforts to get reluctant creditors to a round-table conference to consider radical action on a burden of \$200 billion worth of debt which is crippling their economies.

"Our economies are grinding to a halt and many of our countries are actually regressing," says the Organisation for African Unity (OAU) in a declaration setting out new ideas on the debt crisis.

A ministerial committee from 12 African states, which owe more than 70 per cent of Africa's debt, decided this week to press for such a conference in November or December.

But Western banks, aid agencies and governments have so far shown no serious interest in the idea.

### Strategy

The 12 ministers met in Lusaka this week to coordinate strategy after a special summit of the 49-member OAU last December endorsed the OAU blueprint for debt relief.

It contains dozens of far-reaching proposals, including a 10-year suspension on loan repayment, cancellation of

present official debt, 50-year repayment periods on new private and official loans and interest rate cuts on commercial loans.

Any rescheduling of debts should be done over 50 years with no interest charged.

It also urges industrialised nations to pursue policies that would ensure higher prices for Africa's commodity exports and to remove protectionist trade barriers.

It also hints at near bankruptcy in many economies. "In the majority of our countries the question is not that of a liquidity crisis but of solvency."

Many countries already face debt repayment bills exceeding what they earn from exports.

Without a suitable remedy, it envisages Africa's foreign debt will jump more than 50 per cent by 1995 and triple to \$600 billion by the year 2000.

By then African countries, which now spend on average over 40 percent of export income repaying their debt will need to pour nearly three-quarters of their earnings into debt servicing.

"The excruciating debt service burden is depriving our economies of resources needed not only for development but also in many countries for the survival of our peoples," it warns.

Flavin and Durnin said the world had entered an age of energy efficiency, "but societies still waste billions of dollars on power plants and oil wells when efficiency costs only a fraction of much."

They said: "Energy efficiency is an essential ingredient of economic and ecological progress."

"Its status should be charted as closely as productivity or inflation," they said. "Energy efficiency must be transformed from a watchword of specialists to a centrepiece of national and international economic philosophy."

Flavin and Durnin, the authors of the study, said that the report will be presented to the UN Economic and Social Council in June.

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US stocks hit bad patch

## Experts see steady recovery for market

NEW YORK. March 27. (Reuter): Wall Street's mood has shifted back to gloomy after a post-crash bout of euphoria earlier this year in which many secondary stocks chalked up stunning gains and some selected blue chip issues recovered as well.

Despite this atmosphere, some US analysts still predict a steady recovery for the market after a short period of weakness.

"It's really a very nervous market," said Michael Metz, strategist at stockbrokers Oppenheimer and Co. but he added: "I think we're in a nervous market that will shortly give way to renewed strength."

## Weakness

In the first close below 2,000 since February 18, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 44.90 points on Friday to 1,978.95, after a 43.77-point slide on Thursday. On the week, the Dow was off 108.42 points or 5.2 percent.

Its weakness added to domes-

tic factors in other world markets and helped send London's 100-share FTSE index down 4.7 per cent on the week and Tokyo's Nikkei Average down 2.5 per cent for the week after a half-day trading session on Saturday.

## Pattern

The Dow's fall last week was its biggest so far this year and the worst since a 143.74-point fall in early December. It erased half of a 200-point six-week rally that lifted it to a post-crash high of 2,087.37 on March 18.

"The potential for the market to rally is pretty good," said Thom Brown of Butcher and Singer in Philadelphia. But he warned that the recent advance and any new advance must be classified as "bear (sellers') market rallies."

He added that "the pattern leading up to the October crash was similar to the pattern prior to the 1929 crash" and so far the post-crash movements have been similar.

Worrying those with a sense of history was the knowledge that, on the 158th day after the 1929 Wall Street crash, the market began a more serious slide that lasted years. Friday was the 158th day since "Black Monday" on October 19, 1987.

Though Brown did not predict a new crash — "we've already had the biggest crash in history this October" — he still worried about protectionist legislation pending in the US Congress.

## Lows

Harry Laubscher of brokers Tucker Anthony, R.L. Day felt the market's decline is due mostly to concern about the weak dollar and the weak bond market.

Oppenheimer's Metz said that if a consensus builds that the dollar — now around 1.6750 West German marks and just over 125 Japanese yen — has successfully tested its lows, shares could resume an upward course. He said many big inves-

tors had cash piled on the sidelines and were unlikely to sell heavily should the uncertainty linger.

Most analysts saw blue-chip stocks remaining under pressure but continued gains in neglected secondary issues. Jack Sullivan of Van Kasper and Co said the move upward in that tier of the market could last anywhere from 18 months to three years.

In Tokyo on Saturday, brokers said profit-taking. Wall Street's end-week decline and a depreciation of the dollar against the yen pushed prices to their third consecutive daily fall. The Nikkei Average ended the half-day session down 305.99 points at 25,320.72 — a drop of 645.89 on the 5-1/2-day week.

In London, Britain on Friday reported a balance of payments deficit for February of £720 million and the figure seems sterling and stocks down sharply. The treasury said changes in customs documentation may have affected the data, but the deficit

was nearly twice as big as forecast and much higher than market expectations.

In Frankfurt, the Faz index ended 23.5 points or 4.9 per cent down on the week at 452.87. Among blue chips, Daimler-Benz AG fell eight marks (\$4.77) to 650.5 marks (\$388) a share on Friday, and Deutsche Bank AG was down 16.5 marks (\$9.85) to 401 marks (\$239.25).

## Results

Deutsche Bank is due to lead off the annual results of the big three German banks this week and dealers were divided over what impact the news would have on the market.

In Paris, dealers said the market's trend remained bearish and hesitant despite positive corporate news. Economic worries, particularly concerning the US and political uncertainty ahead of the French presidential election were keeping investors at bay. The CAC index ended on Friday down 7.2 points, or 2.4 percent, on the week at 292.0.

KUWAIT						
BANK SECTOR	P. CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.870	0.880	0.880	0.880	345000	12
GULF BANK	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	240000	6
COMMERCIAL BK	0.250	0.248	0.248	0.248	180000	3
AHLI BANK	0.305	0.300	0.300	0.300	100000	1
B.K.H.E	0.315	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
BURGAN BANK	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	80000	4
K.F. HOUSE	0.480	0.480	0.480	0.480	20000	2
INVESTMENT SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
KWT INV. CO.	0.184	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
K.I.I.C.	0.162	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
COM.FACILITIES	0.430	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
AHLIAH INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
I.F.A.	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	20000	1
INV. PEARL KUT	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.106	40000	2
INSURANCE SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
KWT INSURANCE	0.690	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
GULF INSURANCE	0.370	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
AHLIA INS. CO.	0.610	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
WARBA INS. CO.	0.430	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
REAL EST. SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
KWT R.EST. CO.	0.240	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
NAT R.EST. CO.	0.120	0.122	0.124	0.120	1740000	38
NAT R.EST. CO.	0.228	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
SALKHIAH R.E.	0.075	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
KWT PROJECTS	0.088	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
KWT R.E.I. CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
INDUSTRY SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
NAT IND. CO.	0.510	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
KWT H.P. IND.	0.295	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
KWT CEMENT CO.	0.238	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
REF. IND. CO.	0.385	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
N.A.M.T. CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
K.GUL CABLE	0.950	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
K.PH. IND. CO.	0.126	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
CONT. MARINE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
K.SH.REP.CO.	0.042	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
SERVICES SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
OVERLAND TRANS	0.081	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
K.N.C. CO.	0.198	0.190	0.190	0.190	20000	1
KWT HOTELS CO.	0.174	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
P. WAREHOUSING	0.142	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
CON.MKT.CMPX.	0.020	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
MOBILE TELE.	0.360	0.355	0.355	0.355	60000	2
KWT COMPUTER	0.192	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
FOOD SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.242	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
UNIT. FISHERIES	0.146	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
UNIT. POULTRY	0.238	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
KFT FOODS	0.300	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
AGRI. FOOD PRO.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
NON-KWT SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
B.HW. INTER.BK	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.067	160000	2
B.HW. N.EAST.BK	0.047	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
U.NTD. GULF B.K	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
COAST INVEST.	0.088	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
A.G.IV.N.CORP.	0.040	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
FIRST GULF B.K	0.620	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
B.K.I.G.	0.092	0.086	0.086	0.086	80000	1
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
FINANCIAL SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
GULF INV.CO.	0.042	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
GULF INTL INS.	0.009	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
ARAB INT CO.	0.055	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
GULF UNION INS.	0.055	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.016	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
D-R.K.WHTE CHNT	0.021	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.007	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
G-GULF CEMENT	0.010	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
H-UHM GAIWAIN	0.015	-----	-----	-----	-----	1

## Kuwaiti dinar deposits continue to firm

KUWAITI dinar interbank deposits continued to firm in a dull market yesterday, with many traders content to sit on the sidelines ahead of Wednesday's settlement day for 79.5-million dinar issue of government bonds.

Dealers said short-term funds were well-offered but fixed periods rose 1/4 points following a similar rise on Saturday.

Trade is normally thin during the European weekend and banks were keen to hold onto funds ahead of settlement day. The bonds were issued by tender last week, with the amount being increased from 50 million initially on offer to meet demand.

Overnight and tomorrow-next funds were offered at two per cent. Spot-next was quoted at three, two per cent while one-week climbed 3/4 point to 5-3/4, 4-3/4 per cent and dealt at 5-1/4.

## Higher

One-month firmed to 5-1/4, 4-5/8 per cent from 5-1/8, 4-5/8 on Saturday. Two and three-months were both indicated 1/4 point higher at 5-3/8, 4-7/8 per cent. One-year was steady at that level.

The Central Bank left its dinar exchange rate unchanged at 0.27399/409 to the dollar. Commercial banks quoted rates of 0.27395/400.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were unchanged in lacklustre trade yesterday, with some activity reported at the short end of the market as banks covered day-to-day positions.

Dealers said volume was minimal in a normal trend for the European weekend when many major banks are absent.

## Funds

They added that disappointment over the lack of further news on a possible Saudi bond issue further dampened sentiment.

The issue of up to 30 million riyals worth of government bonds during the year has been in the offing since the 1988 budget was unveiled last December.

One-week funds eased 1/8 point from Saturday's levels, with minimal trade reported at 6-1/8 per cent. Spot-next was steady at 6-1/2, six per cent.

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## Italy faces problems over 1990 World Cup

ROME, March 27, (UPI): Despite the threat by Sepp Blatter, the secretary-general of Fifa, world soccer's governing body, to take the organisation of the 1990 World Cup from Italy, it would be hard to find an Italian fan who believes it could really happen.

In soccer-mad Italy such a move could spark a revolution. Italian fans look to the home-ground advantage to help their team bring back to Italy the World Cup for the fourth time after victories in 1934, 1938 and 1982.

What is more, Italy's vast array of quarrelling political parties are well aware of this and have no desire to get on the wrong side of the nation's millions of soccer addicts, who are also voters.

Yet, on the practical side, there seems every possibility that Italian organisers will have great difficulty in meeting the May 5 deadline set by Blatter. By that date Fifa is demanding detailed plans for a satisfactory project for a "telecommunications centre," capable of coping with the army of 8,000 radio and television reporters, their aides and technicians, who are expected to cover the 1990 World Cup.

**Contracts**  
Also at stake are millions of dollars worth of television and sponsorship contracts on which the World Cup organisers depend.

At a news conference in Rome Wednesday following a meeting with top Italian sports officials in the World Cup organising committee, Blatter said:

"The World Cup is above all a television event. Almost 13 billion watched it on television in 1986 and we estimate the audience will be up to 15 billion in 1990. Now we find, to our surprise and consternation, that the radio-television centre not only does not exist, but there is not even a go-ahead for the project."

"Now we will wait until May 5," he said. "If the project is not launched by that date, the 1990 World Cup will be staged somewhere else."

West Germany, which stages the finals of the European Championships in June, was freely touted by Fifa officials as the most likely contender to get the 1990 Cup competition if Fifa acts on its threat.

Top Italian organising officials Franco Carraro and Antonio Matarrese took comfort from the words of Guido Tonioni, Swiss head of the Fifa press office, who said Blatter's threat was not aimed primarily at the Italian soccer organisers, but at the politicians.

Vital decisions on allocation of funds for World Cup installations depend on the politicians, from the level of parliament through provincial councils to city councils.

Even in normal times such decisions sometimes take years to win approval. But right now Italy is in the midst of a political crisis, with a caretaker government in charge and no new government likely to emerge for at least two weeks.

**Project**  
So far as the radio-television centre is concerned, the Italian state-run network Rai, which is responsible for organising the coverage of the World Cup, submitted a project to the Rome City Council late last year.

It proposed the construction of the centre, comprising 11 buildings of two storeys each, in open country on the outskirts of Tor di Quinto, a northern Rome suburb not far from the Olympic stadium.

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## JARRYD AND FITZGERALD TRIUMPH IN DOUBLES

# Graf overcomes Evert for crown



Graf smashes the ball back to Evert in the second set. (Reuters wirephoto)

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., March 27. (Reuters): Top seed Steffi Graf kept her concentration in the 48 degrees Celsius (120F.) court-side heat yesterday to win her second straight International Players Championships title with a 6-4, 6-4 win over second seed Chris Evert.

Graf, who collected \$112,500 for the victory, has not lost a set to Evert in their last six meetings.

### Maintained

The 33-year-old Evert, who won her first six career meetings against Graf, lost to the West German world number one in the final here last year. The powerful 18-year-old also defeated Evert in the Australian Open final in January.

Graf, maintained her concentration when it appeared that Evert, ranked third in the world, was about to rally and force a third set.

The top seed became unnerved by a questionable line call in the fifth game of the second set as she was on the verge of taking control of the match. Evert had fought off two break points in the

game, which could have given Graf a 4-1 lead.

On the third deuce, Evert hit a cross-court backhand winner that Graf thought was out. Evert went on to hold her serve for 2-3 and broke Graf in the next game for 3-3.

The American had two break points in the eighth game with a chance to take a 5-3 lead. Graf, however, fought off both points, one with an impressive overhead winner, to level the set again.

Graf then came up with a crucial service break in the ninth game on her fifth break point of the set when Evert netted a drop shot and the West German served out the match on a service winner.

"It was always going back and forth," Graf said. "In the second set at 3-1 the bad call really disturbed me. I was getting mad at it. I didn't concentrate for two games, then I said I have to get back into it. That helped me play better," she said.

Graf had taken an early 3-1 lead in the first set when Evert double faulted to lose her serve.

The second seed fought off a break point in the fifth game with an ace and broke back for 4-4 in the eighth game, only to lose her serve in the ninth and watch Graf serve out the set.

Evert, the winner here in 1986, compared this year's one hour 40 minute battle to Graf's 58-minute 6-1, 6-2 1987 rout.

"I'm closing the gap a little bit," Evert said.

"There were a couple of key points in both sets that she played better on. I got my chances, but I just couldn't pull it out of the bag," Evert said.

In the finals of men's doubles, Anders Jarryd of Sweden and John Fitzgerald of Australia, seeded seventh, beat top seeds Ken Flach and Robert Seguso of the United States, 7-6 (9-7), 6-1, 7-5.

In the mixed doubles finals, unseeded Michael Schapers of the Netherlands and American Ann Henricksson surprised No. 4 Jim Pugh of the United States and Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia, 6-4, 6-4.

## Australia edge past New Zealand

HONG KONG, March 27. (Reuters): Australia, inspired by international star David Campese and Michael Lynagh, stopped New Zealand completing a hat-trick in the Hong Kong Sevens Rugby Union tournament by beating them 13-12 in today's final.

The men in yellow and green scored a goal, a try and a penalty to New Zealand's two goals for Australia's fifth victory since the British colony's annual rugby tournament began in 1976.

Campese scored the vital try midway through the second half of the 20-minute contest through a gap in the All Black defence to score under the post.

Lynagh converted and shortly afterwards kicked a penalty after being body checked by New Zealand captain Zinzan Brooke to make it 10-6.

Brad Burke had opened the scoring in the first half and John Schuster scored New Zealand's equalising try, converted by Franco Botica.

In the dying seconds of the match, All Black Terry Wright stormed upfield diving over the line but by then it was too late for the New Zealanders who won this tournament in 1986 and 1987.

"We had really good composure and maintained our discipline," said Australian coach Bob Dwyer. "It was a cracking pace and sensational defence by both teams."

In the final plate, a hat-trick of tries by 23-year-old trucker Barry Williams helped the American Eagles beat Canada 20-12 to take the trophy for the second time in three years.

## Three top tennis stars to miss WCT finals



Lendl: injured  
Australian Pat Cash, Americans Tim Mayotte and Brad Gilbert and Ecuadorian Andres Gomez complete the field.

Wilander, the Australian Open champion, will use the event in his continuing quest to close the gap on Lendl, who has been injured since mid-February. If Wilander keeps winning, he could take over from the Czechoslovak as world number one at the French Open in May.

"I've never felt this good going into a year. I'm playing well and I feel confident," said Wilander. "If I win another Grand Slam event, I think I can be number one."

**Suited**  
Edberg, Becker and Cash should all offer stiff resistance to Wilander. They are all serve-volley players whose aggressive games are well suited to the medium-fast indoor surface.

But Becker is looking far beyond Dallas. "Wimbledon is my main goal," admitted the West German.

"Every tournament is leading up to that. But playing the top players like Wilander and Edberg is a good way to gauge my performance so I know how hard to work."

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At the end of the 9th Kuwait International Rally which was

held on March 17 and 18, the board of the KT Club extends its

thanks to the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, H.E. Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmad for kindly patronising the rally and for deputing the Ministry Undersecretary, Issa Yassin, to give the start signal for the Rally.

The total distance of the Rally was 740 kilometres. Forty-six cars took part, out of which 20 cars completed the race. The rally was supervised by five international stewards who came from abroad for this purpose. A 20-member committee organised the rally, while 200 marshalls of various nationalities ensured the great success of the race. The Ministry of Information, represented by Kuwait TV and Radio, effectively contributed to the media coverage of the Rally.

The many concerned government authorities are greatly thanked for the great services they rendered to the rally. Foremost comes the Interior Ministry with its security and traffic men protecting and ensuring the smooth running of the rally.

The Fire Department provided three well equipped teams who waited at suitable places for any emergency, while the Ministry of Health contributed with five ambulances, with doctors and personnel. The Touristic Enterprises Company contributed by establishing the Gathering and Maintenance Centre at the Entertainment City.

The Arab Times newspaper contributed by providing a comprehensive media coverage and throwing light on the activity of the KT Motors Sports Division. Al Zayani Automobile Company provided the Rally with its garage for technical testing of the participating cars. The SAS hotel provided a special suite as a rally office.

The KT Club, while extending its gratitude and thanks to all parties, is pleased to continue organising such local and international events.



Witt (centre) Manley (left) and Thomas after the event. (Reuters wirephoto)

Witt won the long programme which was enough to give her the title. Manley was second in the final programme with Thomas third.

Japan's Midori Ito, whose spectacular jumps dazzled the crowd in Calgary, finished third in the long programme but she had three jumps while landing off balance.

"I don't think this performance was as good as Calgary," Manley said.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Universal win

UNIVERSAL Cricket Club beat Oxford Cricket Club by 80 runs in a friendly match at the Al Hassawi Ground on Friday. Universal, batting first, scored 181 for six in 25 overs. Ifukhar hit 33, Jamil 28, Arif Latif 25 and Aziz 24. Oxford, in reply, were all out for 101.

## French Open

TOULOUSE, France, March 27. (Reuter): Final results in the French Open badminton tournament today. Icuk Sugiaro (Indonesia) beat Morten Frost (Denmark) 15-10 6-15 15-2. Hwang Hy-Young (South Korea) beat Gu Jiaming (China) 12-10 11-8.

## McDonalds Cup

SYDNEY, Australia, March 27. (Reuter): New South Wales beat South Australia by 23 runs in the final of the McDonalds Cup one-day, 50-overs competition at the Sydney Cricket Ground today.

## Special session

CAIRO, March 27. (Reuter): An Egyptian parliamentary committee will hold a special session next week to discuss a blow to national pride — elimination from the African Nations Soccer Cup.

## Porto held

LISBON, March 27. (Reuter): Porto could only manage a goalless draw at Portimonense yesterday but maintained their commanding eight point lead at the top of the Portuguese First Division as defending champions Benfica also dropped a point.

## Dennis Lillee

HOBART, Australia, March 27. (AP): Former Australian Test cricketer Dennis Lillee's playing future will be decided tomorrow when the result of an investigation into a complaint of his behaviour is made public by the Australian Cricket Board.

## Italian soccer

ROME, March 27. (Reuter): Results of the Italian First Division matches played today:

Avezzano	0	AC Milan	0
Cesena	0	Juventus	0
Empoli	1	Como	1
Inter	4	Roma	2
Pescara	3	Venezia	0
Pisa	1	Ascoli	1
Sampdoria	1	Fiorentina	0
Torino	0	Napoli	0

## Africa Cup

CASABLANCA, March 27. (Reuter): Cameroon beat Nigeria 1-0 (half-time 0-0) to win the 16th Africa Nations Cup soccer championship today. Scorer: Kunde (55th minute penalty). Attendance: 75,000.

RESULTS of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club game held on Wednesday:

1. Elly Lammerits & Margaret Rob-Whitaker
2. Anna McNeilly & Nada Alanssidi
3. Nahid Akel & Lollo Murtiwa
4. Results of the Mensah Bridge Club game held on Saturday morning:
1. Nada Alanssidi & Lollo Murtiwa
2. Nahid Akel & Margaret Rob-Whitaker
3. Lynn Edwards & Pauli Levy
4. Results of the Habra Bridge Club game on Saturday evening:
1. Sheri Bayoumi & Adel Bayoumi
2. Shams & Choudary
3. Jams & Nahid Akel
4. Doms & Tarikh
5. Menas & Ima
6. Beatrice Perera & Andrea D'Souza

## America's Cup challenger launched

AUCKLAND, March 27. (Reuter): An orchestra played, skydivers descended and Maori tribesmen danced at Auckland today to celebrate the launch of New Zealand, the dramatic winged-hull yacht of the 1988 America's Cup Challengers.

The 38-metre New Zealand is expected to race Cup holders San Diego Yacht Club for yachting's most prestigious trophy off California in September.

Despite skies filled with balloons, parachutes and vintage planes, the undisputed centre of attention for 30,000 people on the docks and aboard pleasure craft was the sleek 90-foot waterline racing yacht.

## Dominated

The white-hulled New Zealand, the biggest America's Cup yacht in 50 years, dominated with its size and radical design.

The advance in technology it represents was underlined by the presence of 1928 America's Cup challenger Cambria.

The 36-metre Cambria was built in an era before winged decks and ultra-light building materials and at around 100 tons is five times as heavy as the newcomer.

Today's festivity was a contrast to the arguments that have dogged the Cup since New

## AMARNATH AND HIRWANI STEAL THE SHOW

## 'Racist' row sours Indian victory over Kiwis

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, March 27. (Reuter): A row between Man of the Match Mohinder Amarnath and New Zealand wicketkeeper Ian Smith over allegedly racist remarks soured India's passage into the final of the Sharjah Cup 50-over one-day cricket competition today.

India comfortably beat New Zealand by 73 runs, making the highest total ever in the tournament — 267 for six — and restricting New Zealand to 194 for eight.

## Accused

But an ugly argument broke out when Pakistani umpire Khizar Hayat rejected a New Zealand appeal for caught behind off Amarnath.

Amarnath a veteran of almost 20 years of first-class and Test cricket, later accused Smith of bringing the game into disrepute by making racist remarks and by saying India cheated.

Smith refused to comment on the incident.

Amarnath made 102 not out with six fours and his third-wicket stand of 158 with opener Navjot Sidhu, who made 88 with three sixes off only 92 balls, turned the Indian innings round after they lost their first two wickets for four runs.



Amarnath: hit an unbeaten ton

The early loss of captain John Wright for 19 and of the highly-regarded Andrew Jones for six dented New Zealand's hopes of catching the Indian side.



Hirwani: took four wickets for 43

Newcomer Mark Greatbatch tried hard to pep up the run rate, scoring 45, but the other batsmen found the Indian bowlers difficult to play against, Narendra

Richard Hadlee, who came in surprisingly low down at number eight, entertained the sizeable crowd with two sixes and two fours in an unbeaten 35.

New Zealand meet Sri Lanka in the next match on Tuesday.

## Scoreboard

INDIA	
K. Srikkanth b Watson	1
N. Sidhu c Ruthford b Watson	88
W. Raman c Greatbatch b Hadlee	1
M. Amarnath not out	102
Kapil Dev c Kugelja b Hadlee	5
M. Azharuddin run out	29
R. Shastri c I. Smith b Hadlee	29
K. More not out	3
Extras (lb-4 w-4 nb-1)	9
Total (six wickets)	267 — 50 overs
Fall of wickets: 1-2 4-162 4-167	
5-212 6-260	
Did not bat: A. Ayub, C.J. Sharma, N. Hirwani.	
Bowling: Hadlee 10-0-54-3, Watson 10-2-36-2, Morrison 10-0-45-0, Chatfield 10-0-57-0, Ruthford 5-0-38-0, Kugelja 5-0-32-0.	

NEW ZEALAND

J. Wright c More b Kapil Dev	19
R. Vance c More b Ayub	42
A. Jones c Azharuddin	6
M. Greatbatch c More b Hirwani	45
K. Ruthford c sub b Hirwani	3
I. Smith c Hirwani	17
C. Kugelja c More b Hirwani	3
R. Hadlee not out	35
D. Morrison st More b Ayub	6
W. Watson not out	4
Extras (0-1 lb-6 nb-1)	14
Total (eight wickets)	194 — 50 overs
Fall of wickets: 1-32 2-46 3-118 4-120 5-124 6-139 7-144 8-175.	

Did not bat: E. Codd.

Bowling: Kugelja 10-2-30-1, Sharma 7-0-28-0, Azharuddin 4-0-12-1, Shastri 5-1-29-0, Hirwani 10-0-42-4, Ayub 10-1-41-2, Raman 1-0-1-0.

## Desert interest for cricket questioned

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, March 27. (AP): Is interest in cricket in the desert dwindling?

The question was raised in Gulf sports circles after the poor turnout of spectators for the India versus Sri Lanka match on Friday, the opening day of the three-nation Sharjah Cup tournament.

Ever since cricket tournaments were organised in these desert parts of the southern Gulf seven years ago, the response had been excellent.

The Champions Trophy, the Australasia Cup and the annual Sharjah Cup had all been a great financial success for the organisers. The 20,000-capacity stadium, considered to be one of the best in the world, used to be jam-packed with cricket lovers.

The enthusiastic appeal for cricket in Sharjah appeared to have prompted the neighbouring emirate of Dubai to plan for a cricket stadium.

But the poor response from spectators on Friday, the Muslim weekend, disappointed the organisers. The turnout was about 12,000 with the east and west stands totally empty.

The absence of Pakistanis is said to be the underlying factor for such poor response. Indians and Pakistanis form the largest expatriate communities in the oil-rich region, and the clash between India and Pakistan always generated great enthusiasm among the expatriate cricket lovers.

"There is no challenge from the Pakistani spectators and so there is no thrill," one Indian spectator commented.

The Pakistani team, on a tour to the West Indies, had refused the invitation of the organisers, Cricket Benefit Fund Series (CBFS).

There were reports Pakistan would have participated if the CBFS agreed to the amount demanded by the Pakistan cricket board.

According to an organiser of the CBFS, the amount demanded was "exorbitant."

Indian singer Lata Mangeshkar, and actress Mandakini and Sharmila Tagore were the only audience in the VIP's enclosure.

There were many empty seats in the press box as well.

## Belgium triumph

BRUSSELS, March 27. (Reuter): Belgium overcame pouring rain and a slippery pitch to beat Hungary 3-0 in a soccer friendly yesterday.

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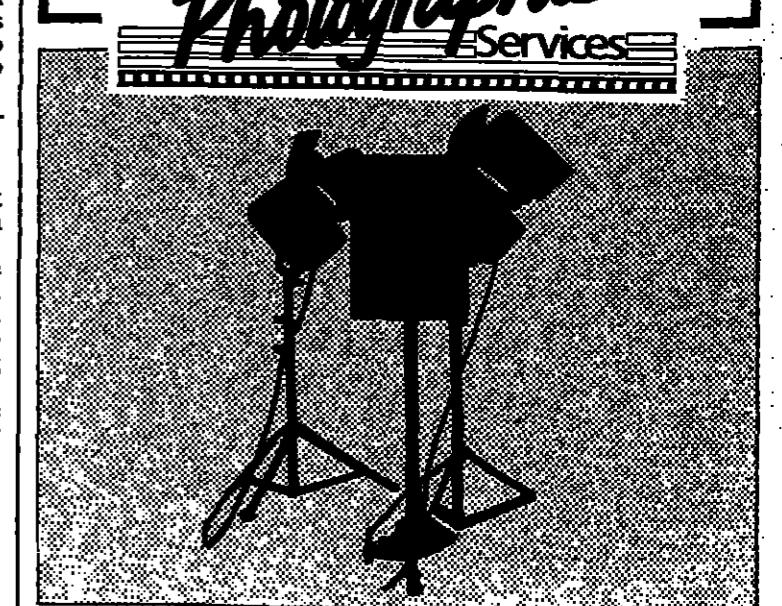
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## Old Boys beat Rising

OLD BOYS defeated Rising Stars Club by three wickets in a friendly match played at the Yarmouk ground on Friday.

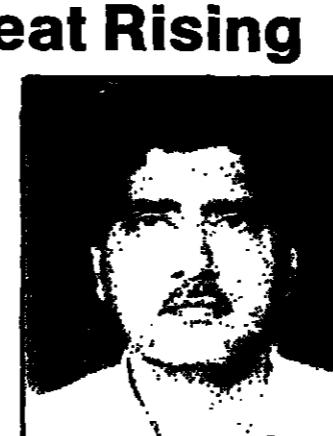
Rising Stars skipper Akram Takur won the toss and elected to bat but his decision backfired when Riaz Mian removed three batsmen and Ghulam Haider bowled Siraj to leave Rising Stars at 19 for four.

Reached

Mubarik then hit 41 and Akram scored 33 to give some respectability to the score. Jamil remained unbeaten on 16 as Rising Stars reached 130 for the loss of seven wickets in the 25 allotted overs.

Riaz Mian was the most successful Old Boys' bowler with three wickets for 17 from five overs.

Needing just over five runs an



Riaz: three wickets

over, Old Boys went past the victory target with three wickets in hand. The Old Boys' innings was built around Ashraf Rana who hit 41 and Ghulam Haider who remained unbeaten on 24.

Australia take hockey title

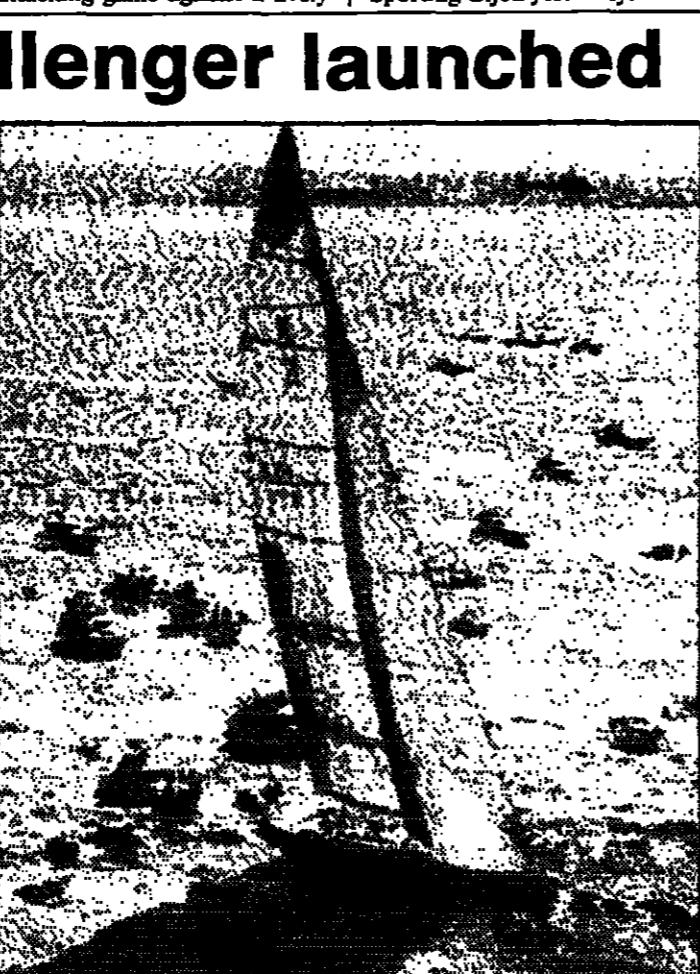
PERTH, March 27. (Reuter): Australia beat reigning world champions the Netherlands 2-0 in the final of the six-nation Bicentennial Women's Hockey Tournament today.

In playoff matches for the lower places, South Korea swept aside Britain 4-0 to finish third and Canada beat New Zealand 1-0 for fifth place.

Australian right halfback Tracey Belbin scored the first goal after 11 minutes and goalkeeper Kathy Partidge preserved the host nation's lead by saving a Dutch penalty stroke a minute later.

Less than a minute later Kye Sook Im converted a penalty stroke and just before half-time Eun Jung Jang scored South Korea's third.

Three minutes from time Soon Ja Park broke away down the left wing and set up a goal for Won Sim Gin.



The America's Cup challenger under sail at Waitemata harbour. (Reuter wirephoto)

Despite taking a quick 3-0 lead

Gerets and an own goal by Wilco van Buuren completed a miserable day for Abma.

Second-placed Ajax won 2-1 at Volendam and with 42 points are eight behind PSV.

PSV's 6-0 victory gives them 104 goals from 28 League matches and with six wins to play they are on course to overtake

Ajax's 120 goals from 28 matches.

Ajax, watched by officials

from their European Cup winners' Cup semifinal opponents Atletico Madrid out

Marseille, played his usual

attacking game against a lively

team.

Arthuron survived a stiff

challenge from Navjot Sidhu

and a superb 100th

goal from Navjot Sidhu.